

January - June 1943

1. 1/10 Continuation of childrens marionette and magic shows
2. 1/11 New playground in Queens adjacent to P.S.68
3. 1/14 Gift of new recreation area in St. Albans, Queens
4. 1/18 Paerdeqat Park in Borrklyn open to the public
5. 1/21 Fourteen boxing bouts in East 54th street gym scheduled
6. 1/23 City wide ice carnival on January 24th
7. 1/25 Municipal lifeguard training course starts February 19th
8. 2/3 Proposed change in zoning resolution
9. 2/3 Roller skating show in Flushing Meadow February 3
10. 2/8 Extension of lifeguard course
11. 2/14 Demonstration of recretional activities starts Fenruary 15th
12. 2/15 Groups putting up service flags, honor rolls and memorials in the city
13. 2/21 Learn to swim campaign going on in indoor pools
14. 2/23 500th performance of puppet and marionette show
15. 3/13 9 park projects bids open to finish work done by WPA - maps
16. 3/13 Golf and tennis courts open -where and how much they cost.
17. 3/14 Social and square dancing in Queens March 19 and 26th
18. 3/19 Planting of new landscaping in parks
19. 3/19 Bids for landscaping work on Brooklyn connectcing highway - map
20. 3/20 N.Y. State Indoor Speed Skating championships March 25th
21. 3/23 Hershey extate donates two female lions
22. 3/24 Robert Moses letter to Walter Hoving re. major living in Gracie Mansion
23. 3/27 154 baseball diamonds and 279 softball fields open April 17th
24. 3/29 Park and community trust conducts sports competition for children
25. 4/7 City wide boxing finals April 8th
26. 4/11 Ten municipal golf courses open April 17th
27. 4/17 Easter flower show - Prospect Park April 18th
28. 4/18 New York Community Trust Spring sports tournamant

29. 4/19 Girl Scout day camps starting July 1st
30. 4/29 Four thousand tulips donated by James Keur
31. 5/2 Roller skating in Flushing Meadow
32. 5/3 Timber bulk heads being built in Soundview Park, Bronx and Great Kills
33. 5/3 Finals of NY Trusts Tournament in roller skating, hockey etc.
34. 5/7 Finals in Spring Tournament
35. 5/8 Reopening of Claremont Inn
36. 5/10 Additional fishing areas designated
37. 5/13 City wide finals is CTT (City Trust Tournament)
38. 5/13 Pitch and putt golf course in Jacob Riis Park
39. 5/13 Childrens orchestra presents concert May 16th
40. 5/15 Continuation of CTT
41. 5/18 Boxing finals in CTT
42. 5/21 Birth of Aoudad (Barberry Sheep) "Yank"
43. 5/21 Finals in CTT
44. 5/23 Paddle tennis and Roller Derby finals in CTT
45. 5/28 Outdoor swimming pools open
46. 5/28 City wide finals in CTS
47. 5/29 Four Naumbery concerts scheduled
48. 5/31 Expanded park facilities
49. 6/2 Moses comments on proposed amendment to permit Sylvania building 1b
50. 6/3 City wide finals in CTT
51. 6/4 City wide finals finishing
52. 6/9 Surf cast fishing restricted - hours listed
53. 6/11 Climax of CTT
54. 6/11 Birth of Fallow Deer
55. 6/12 33 concerts in various parks during the summer
56. 6/13 Park Department Puppeteers will be back in the park
57. 6/13 Roller skating discontinued for summer
58. 6/13 Birth of two deer

59. 6/14 Sports tournaments begins June 19th
60. 6/16 Planning Committee public hearing June 16
61. 6/18 Swimming finals of NYCTT
62. 6/ 19 Birth of more fallow deer
63. 6/ 26 16 out of 17 swimming pools will be kept open later in evening
64. 6/28 Schedule of Trusts finals
65. 6/28 First in series of five concerts June 29th
66. 6/29 Awards of Trusts Tournament
67. 6/30 Concerts with dancing in parks throughout the city.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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FOR RELEASE Wednesday, June 30, 1943

The Park Department announces a series of concerts with dancing in the various parks throughout the city. This is a second annual series to be given by the Consolidated Edison Company. Admission is free.

The series will be inaugurated Thursday, July 1, at the Mall in Central Park by Bob Allen and his orchestra. The last concert will be held Friday, September 17. Large open dance areas have been selected and seating arrangements will be provided for those who come to hear the music and watch the dancing.

These concerts and dances will run five nights a week from 8:30 to 10:30 P.M. in designated areas throughout the city. Two nights per week, the program will be broadcast by Station WNYC. In each case provisions will be made for dancers and spectators. Before the season is over, the public will have an opportunity to hear such bands as Sammy Kaye, Will Osborne, Jerry Wald, Johnny McGee and Joe Venuti.

Following is a list of the parks where these events will take place during the summer:

In Manhattan: Mall, Central Park, Colonial Play Center

In Brooklyn: Prospect Park, McCarron Park, Ocean Parkway and Avenue P, Bushwick Park, and Loiv Eriksson Playground.

In Queens: Jackson Heights Playground, Victory Field, Grover Cleveland Playground and Jewell Playground.

In Bronx: Poe Park and Van Cortlandt Park, 242nd Street and Broadway.

Attached Schedule.

CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

CONSOLIDATED EDISON'S NAME BAND DANCES
1943

| <u>DATE</u> | <u>LOCATIONS</u> |
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| Thursday, July 1 | Mall, Central Park |
| Friday, July 2 | Prospect Park Dance Area at 11 Street & Prospect Park W. |
| Monday, July 5 | Colonial Play Center, 153 Street & Bradhurst Avenue, Man. |
| Tuesday, July 6 | Jackson Heights Playground, Queens, 84 St. & 25 Avenue |
| Wednesday, July 7 | Poe Park, 192 Street & Grand Concourse, Bronx |
| Thursday, July 8 | Mall, Central Park |
| Friday, July 9 | Prospect Park Dance Area |
| Monday, July 12 | McCarren Park, Lorimer Street & Driggs Avenue |
| Tuesday, July 13 | Playground at 30 Road & 45 Street, Queens |
| Wednesday, July 14 | Poe Park, 192 Street & Grand Concourse, Bronx |
| Thursday, July 15 | Mall, Central Park |
| Friday, July 16 | Prospect Park Dance Area |
| Monday, July 19 | Grover Cleveland Playground, Stanhope Street & Grandview Av. |
| Tuesday, July 20 | Victory Field, Woodhaven Blvd. & Myrtle Ave., Queens |
| Wednesday, July 21 | Van Cortlandt Park, 242 Street & Broadway, Bronx |
| Thursday, July 22 | Mall, Central Park |
| Friday, July 23 | Prospect Park Dance Area |
| Monday, July 26 | Colonial Park, Manhattan |
| Tuesday, July 27 | Jackson Heights Playground, 25 Ave. & 84 Street, Queens |
| Wednesday, July 28 | Poe Park, 192 Street & Grand Concourse, Bronx |
| Thursday, July 29 | Mall, Central Park |
| Friday, July 30 | Prospect Park Dance Area |
| Monday, August 2 | Colonial Park, 153 Street & Bradhurst Avenue, Man. |
| Tuesday, August 3 | Jewell Playground, Jewell Avenue & Utopia Parkway, Flushing |
| Wednesday, August 4 | Poe Park, 192 Street & Grand Concourse, Bronx |

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| Thursday, August 5 | Mall, Central Park |
| Friday, August 6 | Prospect Park Dance Area |
| Monday, August 9 | Playground at Ocean Pkwy. & Avenue P, Brooklyn |
| Tuesday, August 10 | Jackson Heights Playground, 84 Street & 25 Avenue, Queens |
| Wednesday, August 11 | Van Cortlandt Park, 242 Street & Broadway, Bronx |
| Thursday, August 12 | Mall, Central Park |
| Friday, August 13 | Prospect Park Dance Area |
| Monday, August 16 | Playground at Broadway & 78 Street, Jackson Heights, Queens |
| Tuesday, August 17 | Playground at 30 Road & 45 Street |
| Wednesday, August 18 | Poe Park, 192 Street & Grand Concourse, Bronx |
| Thursday, August 19 | Mall, Central Park |
| Friday, August 20 | Prospect Park Dance Area |
| Monday, August 23 | Colonial Park, 153 Street & Bradhurst Avenue, Man. |
| Tuesday, August 24 | Jewell Playground, Jewell Ave. & Utopia Parkway, Flushing |
| Wednesday, August 25 | Poe Park, 192 Street & Grand Concourse, Bronx |
| Thursday, August 26 | Mall, Central Park |
| Friday, August 27 | Prospect Park Dance Area |
| Monday, August 30 | Bushwick Park Playground, Knickerbocker Avenue & Putnam Av. |
| Tuesday, August 31 | Marconi Playground, 155 Street & 108 Avenue, Jamaica |
| Wednesday, Sept. 1 | Van Cortlandt Park, 242 Street & Broadway, Bronx |
| Thursday, Sept. 2 | Mall, Central Park |
| Friday, Sept. 3 | Prospect Park Dance Area |
| Monday, Sept. 6 | Leiv Eriksson Playground, 66 Street & 5 Avenue, Bklyn. |
| Tuesday, Sept. 7 | Marconi Playground, 155 Street & 108 Avenue, Queens |
| Wednesday, Sept. 8 | Poe Park, 192 Street & Grand Concourse, Bronx |
| Thursday, Sept. 9 | Mall, Central Park |
| Friday, Sept. 10 | Prospect Park Dance Area |
| Thursday, Sept. 16 | Mall, Central Park |
| Friday, Sept. 17 | Prospect Park Dance Area |

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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FOR RELEASE Tuesday
June 29, 1943.

The Department of Parks announces ~~that~~ presentation of awards of the New York Community Trust's Spring Sports Tournament will take place at the city-wide finals of the senior boys softball game in Heckscher Playground, Central Park, Manhattan, Tuesday, June 29, 6 P.M.

The Honorable Mayor LaGuardia has been invited to open the evening's ceremonies by throwing out the first ball. Commissioner Moses and Mr. Ralph Hayes, representing the New York Community Trust, will distribute the awards consisting of Twenty-Five Dollar War Bonds and luggage to all the city-wide winners, who have been summoned for this occasion. Musical selections will be provided by the Department of Sanitation Band. In addition to the softball game, an exhibition in horseshoe pitching will be given at the same location, by the finalists and winners of that event.

The Spring Sports Tournament, made possible by a \$10,000 donation from the New York Community Trust, embraced baseball, basketball, boxing, handball, horseshoe pitching, paddle tennis, track meet, ping pong, punchball, roller hockey, softball, shuffleboard and swimming, began in April and has attracted 43,644 entrants, who performed before 315,516 spectators. 3,998 prizes consisting of Twenty-Five Dollar War Bonds, leather traveling bags, brief cases, military brushes, leather pocket-books, and other valuable prizes were awarded.

The program will be broadcast by station WNYC. Ad-
mission is free.

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For Release Monday, June 28, 1943

The Department of Parks announces that the first of a series of five concerts by the City Amateur Symphony Orchestra, with Hon. Leopold Prince as conductor, will be given on the Mall, Central Park, Tuesday, June 29, at 8:30 P.M.

The program for this opening concert will include well known selections by Beethoven, Rossini, Bizet and Sousa.

The four remaining concerts of this series will also be given on the Mall, Central Park, on consecutive Saturday evenings--July 3, 10, 17, and 24 at 8:30 P.M.

All concerts will be broadcast over WNYC from 8:30 to 10 o'clock.

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FOR RELEASE Saturday,
June 26, 1943

The Department of Parks announces that city-wide finals of the New York Community Trust's Spring Tournament will take place as follows:

SENIOR GIRLS SOFTBALL: On Saturday, June 26, at 3:00 P.M. in Heckscher Playground, Central Park, Manhattan, girls from the Lynch Street and Lee Avenue Playground, Brooklyn, will compete against those from Crotona Playground, The Bronx.

JUNIOR BOYS SOFTBALL: Sunday, June 27, at 2:00 P.M. at Heckscher Playground, Central Park, Manhattan, the boys of Bushwick Playground, Brooklyn, will compete against the boys of Columbus Park, Manhattan.

SENIOR BOYS BASEBALL & TRACK MEET: At Macombs Dam Park, The Bronx, on Sunday, June 27, at 2:30 P.M. the boys from Maurice Playground of Queens will play the winner of the Richmond versus Bronx game.

The contestants in the track meet are the winners of borough-wide events conducted through the past two weeks. There are thirteen championships to be decided by boys and girls, 12 to 18 years of age, in events such as the 50 yard dash, the 100 yard dash, the potato race, the high jump, the 880 yard relay and the running broad jump.

The winning team members in boys' baseball and softball will receive gladstone travelling bags and members of the girls' teams airplane luggage, while the runners-up in the boys' division will be awarded leather brief cases and the girls', beautiful silk umbrellas. All the winners in the track events will be the recipients of Twenty-Five Dollar War Bonds and the runners-up valuable prizes.

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The Department of Parks announces that because of the current heat wave sixteen of the seventeen outdoor swimming pools will be kept open until 10 P.M.

Manhattan:

Hamilton Fish Pool, East Houston and Pitt Streets
Colonial Pool, Bradhurst Avenue West 145 Street to 147 Street
Highbridge Pool, Amsterdam Avenue and 173 Street
Thos. Jefferson Pool, 111 to 114 Streets & First Avenue
23rd Street Pool, 23 Street and East River Drive
Carmine Street Pool, Clarkson Street and 7 Avenue
60th Street Pool, 59 Street between Amsterdam & 11 Avenues

Brooklyn:

Sunset Pool, 7 Avenue and 43 Street
McCarren Pool, Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street
Red Hook Pool, Clinton, Bay and Henry Streets
Betsy Head Pool, Hopkinson, Dumont and Livonia Avenues

Bronx:

Crotona Pool, 173 Street and Fulton Avenue

Queens:

Astoria Pool, 19 Street and 23 Drive
Flushing Meadow Amphitheatre, Flushing Meadow Park

Richmond:

Faber Pool, Richmond Terrace at Faber Street
Tompkinsville Pool, Victory Boulevard between Bay Street
and Murray Hulbert Avenue

The pool in John Jay Park at 78 Street and the East River Drive, Manhattan, will close at 9 P.M. until materials necessary to complete the lighting system are obtained.

Until the end of the season, the pools will be open daily with the following operating schedule. On weekdays and Saturdays from 10 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. there is a free period for children under fourteen years of age during which hours no adults are admitted to the pool area. After 1 P.M. on weekdays and all day Sundays and holidays there is a 9¢ charge for children under 12 years of age and a 25¢ charge for older children and adults.

Groups in swimming, diving and water shows have been organized at all pools. Classes in swimming, life saving and first aid are included in the aquatic program.

In accord with the policy set up by the Department of Parks last year, all uniformed members of the armed forces of the United Nations are admitted to the outdoor pools without charge.

Telephone the following release at 11 A.M., 6/19/43 to Associated Press,
Brooklyn Daily Eagle and Brooklyn Citizen. P.M. wouldn't take it-too late.

For Release Saturday,
June 19, 1943

The Department of Parks announces the birth of
a spotted fallow deer at the Prospect Park Zoo, Brooklyn,
on June 18, 1943. The father/^{is}Spike and was donated anonymously
in 1935. The mother Spodie was donated by the Colgate
Hoyt Estate of Center Island, Long Island, in 1939.
Photographs may be taken immediately.

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FOR RELEASE Friday,
June 18, 1943

The Department of Parks announces that the city-wide finals of the New York Community Trust's Spring Tournament in swimming will be conducted at Astoria Pool, 19 Street and 23 Drive, Queens, on Saturday, June 19, at 11 A.M.

The contestants are the winners of 12 events, for boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 18 years, held last week in the park pools throughout the five boroughs. This attraction promises to be one of the most outstanding events in the entire Spring Tournament.

The city-wide titles will be decided in the following events:

JUNIOR BOYS (12-16) 50 meters free style; back stroke;
breast stroke.

JUNIOR GIRLS (12-16) 25 meters free style; breast stroke;
back stroke.

SENIOR BOYS (16-18) 100 meters free style; back stroke;
diving (swan and 4 optional)

SENIOR GIRLS (16-18) 50 meters free style; breast stroke;
diving (swan and 3 optional)

The winner in each event will be awarded a Twenty-Five Dollar War Bond, while the runner-up in the boys division will receive a leather brief case and in the girls division a beautiful silk umbrella.

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The City Planning Commission on June 16, 1943 will hold a public hearing on an amendment to the zoning resolution which permits under strict regulation the construction and maintenance of administrative offices and industrial laboratory buildings in residential sections of the city. Under the terms of this resolution, these projects are subject to the following restrictions:

1. Minimum plot size is ten acres.
2. The buildings may not cover more than 25% of the area of the plot.
3. No structure may exceed a height of fifty feet.
4. Buildings must be constructed at least 20 feet apart.
5. The total floor area of the buildings may not exceed 50% of the area of the plot.
6. Not less than 25% of the area shall be landscaped as a park and shall be accessible to the public.
7. The architectural features of the buildings, landscaping the grounds, and lay-out of the buildings, are subject to the approval of the City Planning Commission and the Board of Estimate. The resolution provides that no changes may be made in the plan of the project after it has been approved by the Board of Estimate and the City Planning Commission.

At the present time there is only one firm which has evinced an interest in constructing a project under the terms of this amendment. The Sylvania Products Company have indicated that they are desirous of establishing their administrative offices and laboratories on a 30-acre site adjacent to the Clearview Golf Course. This is to be a permanent installation and is not a temporary project for the duration of the war. They have prepared tentative plot plans, architectural renderings, and a model indicating the type of improvement that may be expected under the terms of the resolution. The attached photographs indicate very clearly the type of development which may be expected.

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FOR RELEASE Monday,
June 14, 1943

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The Department of Parks and the Park Association of New York City announces that the Fourth Annual Sports Tournament will get under way, Saturday, June 19, with competitions in tennis scheduled for all park tennis courts. In addition to tennis, this tournament is comprised of contests in golf and swimming.

The tennis events, consisting of four divisions, junior boys' singles, men's singles, women's singles and men's doubles, have been a featured attraction for the past three years. All holders of Park Department tennis permits are eligible to enter.

Golf enthusiasts will be served by one of three classifications, namely men, women and junior boys, who must be under 18 years. Eligibility of all entrants will be contingent on their residence in New York City and the possession of regular golf permits. Local course championships will be conducted beginning Sunday, July 11.

The swimming events have been so drawn up that all age groups in both novice and A.A.U. competitions will be accommodated. The finals, the date and location of which will be announced later, will be held in midsummer.

Entry blanks for any of these events may be obtained at any of the borough offices or from personnel at the Park Department tennis courts, golf courses and swimming pools.

The generosity of the Park Association of New York City, consisting of a group of public spirited citizens, has made this tournament possible the last three years. Valuable trophies and awards will be made to the winners in all activities.

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| MANHATTAN | Mr. P. J. Cruise Arsenal Building 64 Street & Fifth Avenue |
| BROOKLYN | Mr. R. C. Jenkins Litchfield Mansion Prospect Park Prospect Park West & Fifth Street |
| QUEENS | Mr. J. J. Mallen The Overlook Union Turnpike & Park Lane Forest Park, Kew Gardens |
| BRONX | Mr. G. L. Quigley Bronx Park East & Birchall Avenue |
| RICHMOND | Mr. A. M. Anderson Clove Lakes Park 1150 Clove Road West New Brighton Staten Island |

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FOR RELEASE Sunday,
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The Department of Parks announces the birth of two deer,
both on June 11, 1943.

One, a red deer, was born in the Central Park Zoo. The
father is Lindy and the mother, Bessie. This calf, 25 pounds in
weight, is Bessie's first offspring.

The other, a fallow deer, was born in the Prospect Park
Zoo. The father is Spike and the mother, De-De.

Photographs may be taken at any time.

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FOR RELEASE Sunday
June 13, 1943

The Park Department announces that after the evening session at the New York City Building, Flushing Meadow Park, on Sunday, June 13, 1943, roller skating will be discontinued for the summer season.

Patronage of the roller rink has decreased rapidly during the past few weeks and, with the recent warm weather, interest in this activity has become so low that the attendance no longer justifies its continued operation. Both the roller and ice skating rinks will reopen early in the fall.

During the past season 235,642 persons availed themselves of this facility.

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FOR RELEASE Sunday, June 13, 1943

The Department of Parks announces that the Park Department Puppeteers who, last year, played to 75,000 children, will give a series of open air puppet and marionette shows, including "Little Red Riding Hood" and "Jack and the Beanstalk," daily except Sunday, from June 14 to July 3, inclusive, in various park playgrounds throughout the five boroughs, from an especially constructed trailer stage.

The first showing will be made beginning Monday, June 14, at Dry Harbor Playground, 80th Street and Myrtle Avenue, Queens, at 11 A.M. and 3:30 P.M.

"Jack and the Beanstalk" consists of three acts lasting approximately 45 minutes, while "Little Red Riding Hood" consists of three acts and lasts about 50 minutes.

After a very successful winter season of performances at various public agencies throughout the city, the Puppeteers spent a number of weeks in constructing figures and rehearsing parts for the roles in "Little Red Riding Hood."

Peter Pan, the Magic Men, with his bag of songs and tricks will make his initial seasonal appearance at Glendale Playground, 78th Avenue and 74th Street, Glendale, and Jackson Heights Playground, 84th Street and 30th Avenue, on June 14, at 11 A.M. and 3:30 P.M. respectively.

The shows will continue to be presented at the various boroughs according to the attached schedule:

- Queens - June 14 to 17, inclusive
- Bronx - June 18 to 22, inclusive
- Manhattan - June 23 to 27, inclusive
- Brooklyn - June 28 to July 1, inclusive
- Richmond - July 2 and 3

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CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

SCHEDULE OF TRAILER MARIONETTE THEATRE

1943

"RED RIDING HOOD" & "JACK AND THE BEANSTALK"

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| <u>QUEENS</u> | Monday | June 14 | Dry Harbor Playground 80 Street and Myrtle Avenue | 11 A. M. & | 3:30 P. M. |
| | Tuesday | June 15 | Liberty Park Liberty Avenue and 172 Street | | 3:30 P. M. |
| | Wednesday | June 16 | Maurice Playground, Borden, Maurice and 54 Avenues, Maspeth | | 3:30 P. M. |
| | Thursday | June 17 | Queensbridge Playground, 21 Avenue and Vernon Boulevard | | 3:30 P. M. |
| <u>BRONX</u> | Friday | June 18 | Claremont Park North Plgd., Teller and Mt. Eden Avenues | 11 A. M. & | 3:30 P. M. |
| | Saturday | June 19 | Poe Park, East 192 Street and Grand Concourse | 11 A. M. & | 3:30 P. M. |
| | Monday | June 21 | Watson, Cleason and Noble Avenues Playground | 11 A. M. & | 3:30 P. M. |
| | Tuesday | June 22 | St. Mary's East Playground, 146 Street and Trinity Avenue | 11 A. M. & | 3:30 P. M. |
| <u>MANHATTAN</u> | Wednesday | June 23 | J. Hood Wright Playground, 175 Street & Ft. Washington Avenue | 11 A. M. & | 3:30 P. M. |
| | Thursday | June 24 | Kelly Playground, 17 Street near 8 Avenue | 11 A. M. & | 3:30 P. M. |
| | Friday | June 25 | Mt. Morris East Playground, 120 Street and Madison Avenue | 11 A. M. & | 3:30 P. M. |
| | Saturday | June 27 | Heckscher Playground, 65 Street and Central Park | 11 A. M. & | 3:30 P. M. |
| <u>BROOKLYN</u> | Monday | June 28 | McCarran Play Center Driggs and Lorimer Street | 11 A. M. & | 3:30 P. M. |
| | Tuesday | June 29 | New Lots Playground, Riverdale Avenue and Sackman Street | 11 A. M. & | 3:30 P. M. |
| | Wednesday | June 30 | Sunset Playground, 6 Avenue & 44 Street | 11 A. M. & | 3:30 P. M. |
| | Thursday | July 1 | Kelly Memorial Playground, Avenue S and East 14 Street | 11 A. M. & | 3:30 P. M. |
| <u>RICHMOND</u> | Friday | July 2 | Clove Lakes Park, Victory Blvd. & Clove Rd., West Brighton | | 11 A. M. |
| | | | Silver Lake Park, Victory Blvd. and Forest Avenue, West Brighton | | 3:30 P. M. |
| | Saturday | July 3 | Levy Playground, Jewett and Castleton Avenue, Pt. Richmond | | 11 A. M. |

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MAGIC AND SONG PROGRAM

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| <u>QUEENS</u> | Monday, June 14 - Glendale Playground, 78 Avenue and 74 Street, Glendale Jackson Heights Playground, 84 Street and 30 Avenue | 11 A. M. 3:30 P.M. |
| | Tuesday, June 15 - 30th Road Playground, 45 Street and 30 Road, Astoria | 11 A. M. & 3:30 P.M. |
| | Wednesday, June 16- Daniel O'Connell Playground, 113 St. & 196 St., St. Albans | 11 A. M. & 3:30 P.M. |
| | Thursday, June 17- Tudor Playground, N. Conduit Ave. 80 & 88 Sts., S. Ozone Park | 11 A.M. & 3:30 P.M. |
| <u>BRONX</u> | Friday, June 18 - Zimmerman Playground, Olinville Avenue and Britton Street | 11 A. M. & 3:30 P.M. |
| | Saturday, June 19- Williamsbridge Oval, E. 208 St. & Bainbridge Avenue St. James Playground, Jerome Avenue and E. 191 St. | 11 A. M. 3:30 P. M. |
| | Monday, June 21 - Lyons Square Playground, Aldus St., Bryant and Whitlock Avenue | 11 A. M. & 3:30 P.M. |
| | Tuesday, June 22 - Mullaly Recreation Building, Jerome Avenue & E. 165 St. | 11 A. M. & 3:30 P. M. |
| <u>MANHATTAN</u> | Wednesday, June 23- East River Drive and 12 Street Playground Corlears Hook Playground, foot of Jackson Street, & Cherry St. | 11 A. M. 3:30 P.M. |
| | Thursday, June 24- Seward Park, East Broadway and Canal Street Columbus Park, Baxter and North Streets | 11 A. M. 3:30 P.M. |
| | Friday, June 25 - Lewis and Rivington Streets Plgd. Gulick Playground, Sheriff, Broome and Delancey Streets | 11 A. M. 3:30 P. M. |
| | Saturday, June 26 - Kelly Playground, 17 Street near 8 Avenue Downing Playground, Downing & Carmine Streets | 11 A. M. 3:30 P.M. |
| | Monday, June 28 - Mt. Morris West Playground, Nathan Davis Place and W. 122 Street McCray Playground, E. 138 Street, between 5th and Lenox Avenues | 11 A. M. 3:30 P.M. |
| <u>BROOKLYN</u> | Tuesday, June 29 - New Utrecht Avenue and 70 St. Plgd. | 11 A. M. & 3:30 P.M. |
| | Wednesday, June 30- Seth Low Playground, Bay Parkway & Avenue P | 11 A.M. & 3:30 P.M. |
| | Thursday, July 1 - Park Avenue and Taaffe Pl. Plgd. | 11 A.M. & 3:30 P.M. |
| | Friday, July 2 - Atlantic Avenue and Linwood St. Plgd. | 11 A. M. & 3:30 P.M. |
| | Saturday, July 3 - Union & Van Brunt Sts. Plgd. | 11 A.M. & 3:30 P.M. |

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FOR RELEASE Saturday,
June 12, 1943

The Department of Parks announces a series of 33 concerts under the sponsorship of a number of commercial organizations arranged by the American Federation of Musicians Local 802. These concerts will be presented at various parks in the city beginning with the first concert on Sunday, June 13, 3:30 P.M. at the Music Grove, Forest Park, Queens, and continuing until Thursday, September 2, according to the attached schedule.

Because of the travel restrictions due to war necessities, the schedule has been so arranged that these concerts will be conducted at 27 diversified areas. There will be ten afternoon concerts and the remainder will be held in the evening.

The sponsoring organizations are: The New York Central System, Manufacturers Trust Company, New York Telephone Company, International Business Machine Corporation, Prudential Steamship Company, Skouras Theatres Corporation and Cushman Sons Inc.

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| Sun. | June 13 | 3:30 p.m. | Forest Park Music Grove, Woodhaven Blvd. & Myrtle Ave. New York Central System |
| Tues. | June 15 | 7:00 p.m. | Queensbridge Housing Plgd., Vernon Blvd., 40 Ave. & E.R. Manufacturers Trust Co. |
| Thurs. | June 17 | 7:00 p.m. | Lincoln Terrace Plgd., Rochester & E. N.Y. Ave., Bklyn. Cushman's Sons, Inc. |
| Sun. | June 20 | 3:30 p.m. | Poc Park, 192 Street & Grand Concourse, Bronx New York Telephone Co. |
| Wed. | June 23 | 12 noon | Union Square Park, Manhattan Skouras Theatres Corp. |
| Thurs. | June 24 | 7:00 p.m. | Grover Cleveland Plgd., Stanhope St. & Fairview Ave. Q. Manufacturers Trust Co. |
| Sun. | June 27 | 3:30 p.m. | Tompkins Square Park, 10 St. & Ave. A (New Bldg.) New York Telephone Co. |
| Tues. | June 29 | 7:00 p.m. | Neptune Ave & West 25 Street Plgd., Brooklyn International Business Machine Corp. |
| Thurs. | July 1 | 7:00 p.m. | Betsy Head Plgd., Dumont & Hopkinson Aves., Bklyn. Manufacturers Trust Co. |
| Sun. | July 4 | 7:00 p.m. | Thomas Jefferson Park, 113 St. & East River Drive, Man. New York Telephone Co. |
| Tues. | July 6 | 7:00 p.m. | Red Hook Park Stadium, Richard & Pioneer Sts., Bklyn Cushman's Sons, Inc. |
| Thurs. | July 8 | 7:00 p.m. | Bushwick Plgd., Knickerbocker & Putnam Aves., Bklyn. Prudential Steamship Co. |
| Sun. | July 11 | 3:30 p.m. | Forest Park, Music Grove, Woodhaven Blvd. & Myrtle Ave. Q International Business Machine Corp. |
| Tues. | July 13 | 3:30 p.m. | Orchard Beach, Bronx Manufacturers Trust Co. |
| Thurs. | July 15 | 7:00 p.m. | Sunset Pool, 7 Ave. & 44 Street, Bklyn. New York Telephone Co. |
| Sun. | July 18 | 3:30 p.m. | King Park, Jamaica Ave. & 150 Street, Queens Skouras Theatres Corp. |

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| Tues. | July 20 | 7:00 p.m. | Riverside Park at 105 Street, Manhattan Manufacturers Trust Co. |
| Thurs. | July 22 | 7:00 p.m. | Crotona Pool, East 173 St. & Fulton Ave., Bronx New York Telephone Co. |
| Tues. | July 27 | 7:00 p.m. | Colonial Park, Bradhurst Ave. & 146 St., Man. Prudential Steamship Co. |
| Thurs. | July 29 | 7:00 p.m. | McCarron Pool, Driggs Ave. & Lorimer St., Bklyn. New York Telephone Co. |
| Sun. | Aug. 1 | 3:30 p.m. | Forest Park Music Grove, Myrtle Ave. & Woodhaven Blvd.Q Manufacturers Trust Co. |
| Tues. | Aug. 3 | 7:00 p.m. | St. Mary's Park, E. Trinity Ave. & St. Mary's St. Bronx Cushmans Sons, Inc. |
| Thurs. | Aug. 5 | 7:00 p.m. | Chelsea Park, 28 Street & 9 Ave., Manhattan New York Telephone Co. |
| Sun. | Aug. 8 | 3:30 p.m. | Poe Park, 192 Street & Grand Concourse, Bronx New York Central System |
| Tues. | Aug. 10 | 3:30 p.m. | Orchard Beach, Bronx Manufacturers Trust Co. |
| Thurs. | Aug. 12 | 7:00 p.m. | State Amphitheatre, Flushing Meadow Park, Queens Skouras Theatres Corp. |
| Tues. | Aug. 17 | 7:00 p.m. | East River Park at Rivington Street, Manhattan New York Telephone Co. |
| Thurs. | Aug. 19 | 7:00 p.m. | Williamsbridge Oval, 208 St. & Bainbridge Ave., Bronx Manufacturers Trust Co. |
| Sun. | Aug. 22 | 7:00 p.m. | Playground at Albany & East New York Aves., Brooklyn New York Telephone Co. |
| Tues. | Aug. 24 | 7:00 p.m. | Hamilton Fish Pool, Pitt & Stanton Sts., Manhattan Manufacturers Trust Co. |
| Thurs. | Aug. 26 | 7:00 p.m. | Colonial Park, 146 Street & Bradhurst Ave., Manhattan New York Telephone Co. |
| Tues. | Aug. 31 | 7:00 p.m. | McCombs Dam Park, 161 St. & Jerome Ave., Bronx Manufacturers Trust Co. |
| Thurs. | Sept. 2 | 7:00 p.m. | Thomas Jefferson Park, 114 St. & 1 Ave., Manhattan New York Central System |

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FOR RELEASE Friday,
June 11, 1943

The Department of Parks announces the birth of an eight pound fallow deer at the Prospect Park Zoo on June 7.

The father Spike, and the mother Elsie, were anonymous donations to the zoo in 1935.

The new arrival is doing well and photographs may be taken at any time.

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FOR RELEASE Friday,
June 11, 1943

The Department of Parks announces that the New York Community Trust's Spring Tournament is approaching a climax beginning Friday, June 11, through Sunday, June 13, with district finals in swimming and borough finals in baseball, softball and track meets.

Throughout the past week 17,000 spectators have witnessed 45 games of elimination in this tournament.

The senior boys on the winning baseball and softball teams will be the recipients of military brushes, and the juniors a ball and glove, while the winning girls team will be awarded handsome leather handbags. The district winners in the swimming events will receive suitable prizes.

BASEBALL - BOROUGH FINALS

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| June 12 - Manhattan, North Meadow Playground, 100 St. & West Drive | 3:00 P.M. |
| June 13 - Brooklyn, Parade Grounds, Coney Island & Caton Avenues | 4:00 P.M. |
| June 11 - Queens, Victory Field, Woodhaven Boulevard & Myrtle Avenue | 6:00 P.M. |
| June 13 - Bronx, St. Mary's Park, St. Mary's St. & Jackson Avenue | 11:00 A.M. |
| June 13 - Richmond, Clove Lakes Park, Victory Blvd. & Clove Road | 10:00 A.M. |

SOFTBALL - BOROUGH FINALS

Junior Boys - up to 16 years

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| June 13 - Brooklyn, Lincoln Terrace Plgd., Buffalo & Rochester Avenues | 4:00 P.M. |
| June 13 - Bronx, Crotona Park East near Charlotte Street | 2:00 P.M. |
| June 14 - Richmond, Silver Lake Park, West New Brighton | 4:00 P.M. |

Senior Boys - 16 to 18 years

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| June 13 - Manhattan, Heckscher Plgd., 62 St. & West Drive, Central Park | 3:00 P.M. |
| June 13 - Brooklyn, Lincoln Terrace Plgd., Buffalo & Rochester Avenues | 6:00 P.M. |
| June 13 - Bronx, Crotona Park near Charlotte Street | 10:30 A.M. |
| June 14 - Richmond, Silver Lake Park, West New Brighton | 6:00 P.M. |

Girls - 16 to 18 years

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| June 11 - Manhattan, Heckscher Plgd., 62 St. & West Drive, Central Park | 6:00 P.M. |
| June 12 - Brooklyn, Lincoln Terrace Plgd., Buffalo & Rochester Avenues | 6:00 P.M. |
| June 13 - Bronx, Crotona Park near Charlotte Street | 12:00 Noon |

TRACK MEETS - BOROUGH FINALS

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| June 12 - Brooklyn, Red Hook Stadium, Bay & Court Streets | 2:30 P.M. |
| June 12 - Bronx, Macombs Dam Park, East 162 Street & River Avenue | 1:00 P.M. |
| June 12 - Richmond, Clove Lakes Park, Clove Road & Victory Blvd. | 10:00 A.M. |
| June 13 - Queens, Victory Field, Woodhaven Blvd. & Myrtle Avenue | 1:00 P.M. |

SWIMMING

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| June 11 - Richmond, Faber Pool, Richmond Terrace at Faber Street | 4:00 P.M. |
| " " " Lyons Pool, Victory Blvd., Bay St. & Murray Mulbert Ave. | 4:00 P.M. |
| June 12 - Manhattan, Thomas Jefferson Pool, 111-114 St. & 1st Avenue | 11:00 A.M. |
| " " " Carmine St. Pool, Clarkson Street & 7 Avenue | 11:00 A.M. |
| " " " Hamilton Fish Pool, East Houston & Pitt Street | 2:00 P.M. |
| " " " Colonial Pool, Bradhurst Avenue & W. 145 Street | 10:00 A.M. |
| " " " Highbridge Pool, Amsterdam Ave. & 173 Street | 11:00 A.M. |
| June 13 - " East 23 St. Pool, East River Drive at 23 Street | 11:00 A.M. |
| " " " West 60 St. Pool, 11 Avenue & West 60 Street | 2:00 P.M. |
| " " " John Jay Pool, 78 Street & East River Drive | 2:00 P.M. |
| June 12 & 13 - Brooklyn, McCarren Pool, Driggs & Lorimer Streets | 2:00 P.M. |
| " " " - Queens, Astoria Pool, 19 Street & 23 Drive | 1:00 P.M. |
| June 12 - Bronx, Crotona Pool, 173 Street & Fulton Avenue | 10:00 A.M. |

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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FOR RELEASE Wednesday,
June 9, 1943

Because of the heavy and early usage this year of the beaches by the bathing public, the Department of Parks has found it necessary to restrict surf casting fishing at Rockaway and Coney Island to the hours listed below:

QUEENS

Rockaway Beach, Beach 17 to Beach 19 Streets - dawn to 8 A.M.

Rockaway Beach, Beach 19 to Beach 23 Streets - daylight hours

Rockaway Beach, Beach 23 to Beach 73 Streets - dawn to 8 A.M.

Rockaway Beach, Beach 126 to Beach 149 Streets - dawn to 8 A.M.

Bay 13, Jacob Riis Park, Neponsit - dawn to 8 A.M.

BROOKLYN

Coney Island, Bay 14, east of Steeplechase Pier - dawn to 8 A.M.

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The Department of Parks announces that the city-wide finals of the New York Community Trust's Spring Tournament in Basketball will be held on Sunday, June 6, at 11:00 A.M., at Victory Field, Woodhaven Boulevard and Myrtle Avenue, Queens, and in Girls Punchball at Roosevelt Playground, Forsyth and Chrystie Streets, Manhattan, on Saturday, June 5, at 2:30 P.M.

There are three divisions in basketball, Junior Boys 12 to 16, Senior Boys, 16 to 18 and Senior Girls, 14 to 18 years. The contenders for the championship will play off at Victory Field as follows:

Jr. Boys Basketball - 11:00 A.M. - Sunday, June 6

The Bronx boys from Spoffard Avenue Playground will meet the winner of the Brooklyn-Richmond game which is to be played off at Roosevelt Playground on Saturday.

Sr. Boys Basketball - 3:00 P.M. - Sunday, June 6

The boys on the O'Connell Playground Team representing Queens will play the winner of the Brooklyn-Richmond game to be played off on Saturday at Roosevelt Playground.

Girls Basketball - 1:00 P.M. - Sunday, June 6

The girls of the Astoria Playground Team representing Queens will take on the winners of the Brooklyn-Richmond game which will have been played on Saturday.

Now that the teams are running down the home stretch, the final game in each division promises to be very lively, interesting and keenly contested. All of these teams are semi-finalists, who have survived an arduous series of eliminations. A total of 516 basketball games were played during May, and the teams now coming out on top show real championship quality, keen, fast and well organized.

The Girls Punchball contest consists of one division for girls 14 to 18 years. Representing Queens, the team from Broadway and 78 Street Playground will meet the Lynch & Lee Avenues Playground team from Brooklyn, on Saturday, June 5, at 2:30 P.M., at Roosevelt Playground. This is the championship game.

Each member of the winning team in the Junior and Senior Boys basketball divisions will receive a handsome leather gladstone bag, while members of the runner-up teams will receive a leather brief case. The winning members of the girls teams in both punchball and basketball will receive airplane luggage. The second place winners will get silk umbrellas.

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FOR RELEASE Thursday,
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The Department of Parks announces that the city-wide finals of the Boxing Championships in the New York Community Trust's Spring Tournament will be conducted at McCarren Park, Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street, Brooklyn, on Friday, June 4, at 7:00 P.M. Admission is free.

These bouts embrace two age divisions of boys 14 to 16 and 16 to 18 years, with six bouts in the Junior and five bouts in the Senior division. The Junior group will contest titles, ranging from the 85 lb. class to the 135 lb. class, while the Seniors will decide the championships in the 118 lb. to the 160 lb. class.

The boys appearing in these finals have fought their way through a series of eliminations starting in the district finals and emerging as the victors in the city semi-finals.

The winners in each weight classification will receive a Twenty-Five Dollar War Bond and the runner-up will be awarded a brief case. Following are the boys competing in the final bouts:

JUNIORS

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| <u>85 lb. class</u> | Alfred Wilkinson (Man.) | VS | Kenneth McLain | (Bronx) |
| <u>95 lb. class</u> | Leon Russel (Man.) | VS | John Ingenito | (Brooklyn) |
| <u>105 lb. class</u> | Angelo Luonga (Man.) | VS | Steve Yellowich | (Richmond) |
| <u>118 lb. class</u> | Esme Springer (Man.) | VS | Frank DeBerardino | (Richmond) |
| <u>126 lb. class</u> | Al Lind, Jr. (Man.) | VS | William Wells | (Brooklyn) |

SENIORS

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| <u>118 lb. class</u> | Cecil Schoonmaker (Man.) | VS | Tony Giammarino | (Brooklyn) |
| <u>126 lb. class</u> | William White (Man.) | VS | Stephan Mascucci | (Bronx) |
| <u>135 lb. class</u> | Robert Williams (Man.) | VS | Howard Ward | (Bronx) |
| <u>147 lb. class</u> | Vernon Manley (Bronx) | VS | Roy Allen | (Brooklyn) |
| <u>160 lb. class</u> | Carlo Anderson (Bronx) | VS | Gregory Siragusa | (Queens) |

SPECIAL 135 lb. JUNIOR CLASS

Angelo Chiapperino(Rich.) VS Andy Camera (Brooklyn)

The official judges will be Henry Kremens, Joseph L. Hedberg, A.A.U. boxing official, and Oscar Michaud, time-keeper, of the Department of Parks. Referees will be Ben "Shadow" Carubia, National Golden Glove Champion and Bernard Newman, A.A.U. boxing official.

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I have been asked by the newspapers to comment on the item listed as No. 17 on the Planning Commission calendar for June 2nd.

This is a substitute for the proposed amendment to Section 21-c which was considered by the Planning Commission a few months ago, which I opposed. While the immediate objective of both resolutions was to permit the Sylvania Products Company to build an industrial laboratory adjacent to the Clearview Golf Course, the safeguards provided are entirely different.

The original proposal permitted the Board of Standards and Appeals, with the approval of the Planning Commission to authorize the construction of any kind of industrial, business or other development in any area, with whatever safeguards they might require. The new proposal requires the applicant to go through the same procedure prescribed for a change in zone. He must submit the application to the Planning Commission, where a hearing will be held on the design and use of the structures. It would then go to the Board of Estimate for approval. If twenty per cent of the people in the surrounding area oppose such an item, it will then require the unanimous vote of the Board of Estimate. Thus any member of the Board could block the project.

The resolution as proposed provides more safeguards than the Zoning Resolution, because it requires complete approval of the proposed use of the individual structures, approval of architectural plans, and plans of the open spaces around the buildings. The proposed resolution specifically provides that all projects must be "consistent with and designed to promote and benefit the value and use of the property in such (residential) districts or in areas which are predominantly residential - - - ." It requires that the site must contain at least ten acres and that at least twenty-five per cent of the property shall consist of a landscaped park area to which the public shall have access, subject to reasonable restrictions. Not more than twenty-five percent of the area can be covered with buildings and the ratio of the floor area of the buildings and structures shall not exceed .5 of the area of the plot. No buildings are permitted to be more than fifty feet in height. Obnoxious uses presently listed under Sections 4-a and 4-b of the existing Zoning Resolution are prohibited by this proposal.

If the proposed use as approved by the Planning Commission and the Board of Estimate is to be changed in any way, the petitioner must file a new application and go through a new hearing.

I am convinced that a section such as this, which can be used to encourage a laboratory such as the Sylvania Products proposes to settle in New York, should be made a part of the zoning resolution and, unless some objections that I have not considered are raised at the Planning Commission hearing, I intend to vote favorably on the proposal. Once this amendment is approved by the Planning Commission and the Board of Estimate, it will be possible for the Sylvania Products Corporation to submit an application to the Planning Commission, and at that time those interested will be given an opportunity to be heard for and against the proposal.

Sylvania Products have advised me that they will limit the use strictly to an industrial laboratory and administrative offices. As yet, they have made no formal application and it is impossible to pass judgment in advance. They are also preparing a model which will show just what they propose. They indicate that the plan is similar in principle to Nela Park, the National Electric Light Association model plant at Cleveland, Ohio.

It is my honest belief that the proposed amendment and the Sylvania Plan will improve the neighborhood, protect Clearview Park and the Belt Parkway, and will in no way endanger private homes in this section. If I believed otherwise, I should not vote for it.

/s/ ROBERT MOSES

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The Department of Parks offers a complete summer program of recreation for those who because of the pleasure driving ban must seek recreation within the city.

The expanded park system provides withing walking distance or within a five or ten cent rapid transit fare, recreation areas of all types.

Facilities such as the average New Yorker expects to find only miles from the city are now available literally at his back door. There are sixteen picnic areas with fireplaces, one of which is along the shore front at Plum Beach in Brooklyn.

In cooperation with the Girl Scouts of America the department has arranged an expanded program of Day Camps in the Bronx, Queens and Richmond. The camps will open on July 1 and end on August 13. All girls whether or not they are Girl Scouts are welcome and the charge for a two week period is fifty cents. The girls bring their own meals and will enjoy all that goes with camp life except that they will not live on the camp grounds. They will be taught campcraft, handicraft, folk dancing, singing, photography, and all that goes with a summer camp. The department is assigning personnel to aid in carrying out this program.

Rowboating on a lake? Six locations are available within the city limits and within not more than ten cents fare from any borough. Nature trails are also available as well as modern zoos in Brooklyn, Manhattan, Bronx and Richmond.

Seventeen outdoor swimming pools will reopen on Saturday, May 29, for weekend operation until June 20, after which time they will remain open daily. Classes in swimming will again be arranged this year for both adults and children in connection with which preinduction swimming will be taught to the young men and women who are about to join the armed forces. At the same

time the five municipally operated beaches will also open. Bathhouse accommodations at Jacob Riis Park in Rockaway and Orchard Beach in the Bronx will be available on weekends until June 20 when they too will start daily operation.

Golfers who this year must seek courses nearer their homes will find ten well equipped and operated courses readily accessible by local transit facilities. Permits, good at any of the ten courses, cost \$5. per season plus 10¢ per day's play on week days and 50¢ per day on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Daily permits are sold at the courses at a charge of 75¢ for week day play and \$1. per day on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

The Park Department offers 522 tennis courts at 46 locations throughout the city. These bring tennis courts to within walking distance from most areas in the city. Season permits, good at any of the locations, cost \$3. per season and can be purchased at any of the borough offices of the department.

In order to acquaint the public with these facilities, the Department of Parks has published a folder setting forth over 200 facilities now ready for the summer season. These folders can be obtained by writing to the Department of Parks, Arsenal Building, Central Park, Manhattan, or at any Park Department facility; the request must be accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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FOR RELEASE Saturday,
May 29, 1943

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The Department of Parks announces that the first of a series of four Naumburg Memorial Concerts will be given on the Mall, Central Park, on Decoration Day, Sunday, May 30, at 8:15 P.M.

The three remaining concerts will also be given on the Mall on: July 4, July 31 and Labor Day, September 6, at 8:15 P.M.

This concert series is contributed by Mr. Walter W. Naumburg and Mr. George W. Naumburg, in memory of their father, Mr. Elkan Naumburg, who donated the bandstand on the Mall.

The Decoration Day concert will be given by the Naumburg Orchestra with Emerson Buckley as Conductor, and Ina De Martino, Soprano, Soloist. The program will include selections by such famous artists as: Tschaikowsky, Liszt, Gounod, Strauss, Moussorgsky and Mendelssohn.

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The Department of Parks announces that the city-wide finals of the New York Community Trust's Spring Tournament in handball will take place on Saturday, May 29, at Highland Park, Jamaica Avenue and Elton Street, at 2 P.M., and in shuffle board on Sunday, May 30, at 2 P.M., at North Meadow Playground, 100 Street and West Drive, Central Park.

There will be four divisions in both activities, one for boys and girls between 12 and 16 years, and another for those 16 to 18 years.

These contestants are the winners in each of the five boroughs, who have won out in inter-playground, district and borough eliminations.

The winner in each division will receive a Twenty-Five Dollar War Bond. The runner-up in the boys divisions will receive a leather brief case and in the girls divisions, a beautiful umbrella.

Following are the contestants who will represent the various boroughs:

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| Manhattan | Jr. Boys | James Leary | North Meadow Plgd., Central Park |
| | Jr. Girls | Catherine Byrna | North Meadow Plgd., Central Park |
| | Sr. Boys | Robert Eben | North Meadow Plgd., Central Park |
| | Sr. Girls | Catherine Leary | North Meadow Plgd., Central Park |
| Brooklyn | Jr. Boys | Henry Hollander | LaGuardia Playground |
| | Jr. Girls | Frances Bruman | Fort Hamilton High School Playground |
| | Sr. Boys | Murray Hollander | LaGuardia Playground |
| | Sr. Girls | Geraldine Boundy | 3 Ave. & Schermerhorn St. Playground |
| Queens | Jr. Boys | Henry Kopf | Grover Cleveland Playground |
| | Jr. Girls | Pauline Tomitz | Dry Harbor Playground |
| | Sr. Boys | Joseph Faltenmayer | Benninger Playground |
| | Sr. Girls | Mae Munch | O'Connor Playground, Bayside |
| Bronx | Jr. Boys | David Yanis | Williamsbridge Playground |
| | Jr. Girls | Muriel Brown | St. Mary's Playground East |
| | Sr. Boys | Melvin Wechsler | Crotona Playground |
| | Sr. Girls | Blanche Shear | Mullaly Playground |
| Richmond | Jr. Boys | Lester Heim | Schmul Playground |
| | Jr. Girls | Joan Slater | Lincoln Avenue Playground |
| | Sr. Boys | John McIsaac | McDonald Playground |
| | Sr. Girls | Rose Marie Sava | Mahoney Playground |

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| Manhattan | Jr. Boys | Morris Weintraub | Gulick Playground |
| | Jr. Girls | Sylvia Tarshis | J. Hood Wright Playground |
| | Sr. Boys | Jack Gundersen | J. Hood Wright Playground |
| | Sr. Girls | Kathleen Johnstone | Inwood Park |
| Brooklyn | Jr. Boys | Louis Miele | New Utrecht Playground |
| | Jr. Girls | Mary Jane Andriola | Gravesend Playground |
| | Sr. Boys | Bert Slobodkin | Lincoln Terrace Playground |
| | Sr. Girls | Gloria Manocchio | Fort Hamilton High School Playground |
| Queens | Jr. Boys | Henry Soto | Jewel Avenue Playground |
| | Jr. Girls | Ethlyn Mason | Thompson Hill Playground |
| | Sr. Boys | Victor J. Hartung | Braddock Playground |
| | Sr. Girls | Blanche Reeth | Grover Cleveland Playground |
| Bronx | Jr. Boys | Anthony Cassella | Zimmerman Playground |
| | Jr. Girls | Beatrice Webman | Crotona Playground |
| | Sr. Boys | Gustave Trotsky | Crotona Playground |
| | Sr. Girls | Adele Low | Crotona Playground |
| Richmond | Jr. Boys | Frank Wescott | McDonald Playground |
| | Jr. Girls | Vinny Viscariello | Lincoln Avenue Playground |
| | Sr. Boys | Joseph Sinski | Mahoney Playground |
| | Sr. Girls | Sarah Lyons | Kaltenmeier Playground |

The Department of Parks announces the opening of the seventeen outdoor swimming pools on Saturday, May 29, 1943 at 10 A.M. The pools are located as follows:

Manhattan:

Hamilton Fish Pool, East Houston and Pitt Streets
Colonial Pool, Bradhurst Avenue West 145 Street to 147 Street
Highbridge Pool, Amsterdam Avenue and 173 Street
Thos. Jefferson Pool, 111 to 114 Streets & First Avenue
23rd Street Pool, 23 Street and East River Drive
Carmine Street Pool, Clarkson Street and 7 Avenue
60th Street Pool, 59 Street between Amsterdam & 11 Avenues
John Jay Pool, 78 Street and East River Drive

Brooklyn:

Sunset Pool, 7 Avenue and 43 Street
McCarren Pool, Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street
Red Hook Pool, Clinton, Bay and Henry Streets
Betsy Head Pool, Eopkinson, Dumont and Livonia Avenues

Bronx:

Crotona Pool, 173 Street and Fulton Avenue

Queens:

Astoria Pool, 19 Street and 23 Drive
Flushing Meadow Amphitheatre, Flushing Meadow Park

Richmond:

Faber Pool, Richmond Terrace at Faber Street
Tompkinsville Pool, Victory Boulevard between Bay Street
and Murray Hulbert Avenue

From May 29 to June 20 the pools will be open for weekends and holidays only and from June 21 until the end of the season they will be open daily with the following operating schedule. On weekdays and Saturdays from 10 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. there will be a free period for children under fourteen years of age during which hours no adults will be admitted to the pool area. After 1 P.M. on weekdays and all day Sundays and holidays there will be a 9¢ charge for children under 12 years of age and a 25¢ charge for older children and adults.

Groups in swimming, diving and water shows will be organized at all pools. Classes in swimming, life saving and first aid will also be included in the aquatic program.

Orchard Beach, Pelham Bay Park in the Bronx; Jacob Riis Park Beach and Rockaway Beach in the Rockaway Peninsular, Queens; Coney Island Beach, Brooklyn, and South Beach and Wolfe's Pond Park in Staten Island will also officially open on Saturday, May 29. Bathhouse facilities at Jacob Riis Park and Orchard Beach will operate on the same schedule as the outdoor pools. From May 29 to June 20 the bathhouses will be open for weekends and holidays only and from June 21 until the end of the season they will be open daily. At Orchard Beach there is a total of 7,796 lockers for bathhouse patrons and at Jacob Riis Park the bathhouse accommodates 10,000 people. Bathhouse fee is 15¢ for children's lockers and 25¢ for adult lockers.

Dressing rooms are available at Jacob Riis Park for a fee of 50¢ per person. Recreational areas at Jacob Riis Park and Orchard Beach providing shuffle board, paddle tennis and handball are available to the public. The charge for the use of these facilities will be 10¢ per person per half hour.

Besides these games at Jacob Riis Park there is also an 18 hole Pitch Putt Golf Course. A charge of 50¢ is made for each round of golf which includes clubs. A 50¢ deposit is required on golf balls. In addition to these games areas a special schedule of events is planned for Jacob Riis Park. There will be calisthenics on the beach each day at 2 P.M. and each Wednesday beginning July 1 will be Children's Day, races with contests and games staged in the outfield of the softball area. These special activities are free and patrons of the beach are invited to join in the fun. Similar activities have been scheduled for Orchard Beach.

Beginning Monday, June 15, at Jacob Riis Park, there will be twilight softball games every week day except Saturday, the games starting at 6:30 P.M. On Saturdays and Sundays a single game will be played starting at 2:30 P.M. Bleachers have been provided for 1,000 persons.

Beach chairs and umbrellas may be rented at Orchard Beach and Jacob Riis Park at a nominal charge and beach shops are provided where bathing accessories can be purchased.

In accord with the policy set up by the Department of Parks last year, all uniformed members of the armed forces of the United Nations will be admitted to the outdoor pools and bathhouse facilities without charge.

All the facilities listed can be readily reached by the New York City Transit System and the Park Department has issued a folder setting forth facilities and transit directions. These folders are available at all Park Department facilities and can also be secured by writing to the Park Department Headquarters, Arsenal Building, 64th Street and Fifth Avenue, Central Park, Manhattan.

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The Department of Parks announces that the City-wide Finals of Paddle Tennis and Roller Hockey in the New York Community Trust's Spring Tournament, will take place on Sunday, May 23, at 2 P.M. The paddle tennis championships will be decided at City Park, Flushing Avenue and Navy Street, Brooklyn, while the roller hockey teams will meet in Carl Schurz Park, East 84 Street and East End Avenue, Manhattan.

There will be four divisions in paddle tennis, one for boys and girls between 12 and 16 years and another for those 16 to 18 years. The roller hockey tournament consists of one division for boys, 14 to 18 years.

The contestants in both events are the borough finalists, who have survived inter-playground and district eliminations.

The first place winners in the paddle tennis events will receive a Twenty-Five Dollar War Bond, while the runner-up in the boys division will receive a leather brief case and in the girls division a beautiful silk umbrella.

Each member of the winning team in roller hockey will receive a leather Gladstone traveling bag, and the boys on the runner-up team will be awarded leather brief cases.

Following are the contestants who will represent the various boroughs in paddle tennis:

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| MANHATTAN: | Jr. Boys | Fred Hirshfield | North Meadow Playground, Central Park |
| | Jr. Girls | Dolores DiFelice | 102 St. & Riverside Playground |
| | Sr. Boys | Robert Deneboude | 102 St. & Riverside Playground |
| | Sr. Girls | Althea Gibson | Colonial Play Center |
| BROOKLYN: | Jr. Boys | Henry Blazek | Elton & New Lots Playground |
| | Jr. Girls | Mary Mezowicz | McCarren Park |
| | Sr. Boys | Jack Slotnich | Kelly Memorial Playground |
| | Sr. Girls | Ruth Singer | LaGuardia Playground |
| QUEENS: | Jr. Boys | Henry Bischoff | Francis Lewis Playground |
| | Jr. Girls | Mary June Weir | Broadway & 78 St. Plgd., Jackson Heights |
| | Sr. Boys | Joseph Leo | Van Wyck Plgd., South Ozone Park |
| | Sr. Girls | Marion Grossman | Van Wyck Plgd., South Ozone Park |
| BRONX: | Jr. Boys | Carl Kaplan | Crotona Playground |
| | Jr. Girls | Muriel Brown | St. Mary's Park, West Playground |
| | Sr. Boys | Harold Goldstein | Lyons Square Playground |
| | Sr. Girls | Annette DePrimio | East 182 St. & Belmont Ave. Playground |
| RICHMOND: | Jr. Boys | Dimitri Daras | De Matti Playground |
| | Jr. Girls | Florence Bell | De Matti Playground |
| | Sr. Boys | Rudy Picciotto | Kaltenmeier Playground |
| | Sr. Girls | Sarah Lyons | Kaltenmeier Playground |

Mr. J. Duncan Campbell and Elmer A. Wendling, two of the outstanding Metropolitan Paddle Tennis players will also appear in an exhibition game.

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The Department of Parks announces that the horseshoe pitching, basketball and girls' punchball contests in the New York Community Trust's Spring Tournament are approaching the Borough Finals which will take place on Saturday, May 22.

During the past week 1,356 inter-playground eliminations and district finals were witnessed by 34,360 spectators. This Spring Sports Tournament, sponsored by the New York Community Trust, consists of 13 activities for boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 13 years. As the closing date for the swimming events is May 22, boys and girls desiring to enter these competitions are urged to obtain an entry blank at their neighborhood park or playground.

The winners of these events in the Borough Finals in the boys division will receive a handsome set of military brushes and the girls will be awarded leather handbags. All individual winners will be eligible to compete for a Twenty-Five Dollar War Bond, and team winners for valuable leather luggage in the City-wide Finals.

SCHEDULE OF BOROUGH FINALS

Horseshoe Pitching

- May 22 - Manhattan: Heckscher Plgd., 62 St. & West Drive, Central Park-Sr. 2:00 P.M.
- May 22 - Brooklyn: Parade Grounds, Coney Island & Caton Avenue Sr. 2:30 P.M.
- May 22 - Queens: Victory Field, Myrtle Ave. & Woodhaven Boulevard Sr. 2:00 P.M.
- May 22 - Bronx: Macombs Dam Park, E. 161 St. & Ruppert Place Sr. 3:00 P.M.
- May 22 - Richmond: Mahoney Plgd., Beechwood & Crescent Ave., New Brighton-Sr. 4 P.M.

Basketball

- May 22 - Manhattan: Roosevelt Plgd., Grand & Chrystie Streets Jr. Boys 2:00 P.M.
- May 22 - " " " " " " " Sr. Boys 4:00 P.M.
- May 22 - " " " " " " " Sr. Girls 3:00 P.M.
- May 22 - Brooklyn: McLaughlin Park, Jay & Tillary Streets Jr. Boys 2:00 P.M.
- May 22 - " " " " " " " Sr. Boys 3:00 P.M.
- May 22 - " " " " " " " Sr. Girls 11:00 A.M.
- May 22 - Queens: Von Dohlen Plgd., 138 Street & Archer Ave. Jr. Boys 2:00 P.M.
- May 22 - " " " " " " " Sr. Boys 4:00 P.M.
- May 22 - " Kissena Park, Parsons Blvd, near 164 St. Sr. Girls 2:00 P.M.
- May 22 - Bronx: Mullaly Playground, Jerome Ave. & 165 St. Jr. Boys 2:00 P.M.
- May 22 - " " " " " " " Sr. Boys 4:00 P.M.
- May 22 - " " " " " " " Sr. Girls 2:00 P.M.
- May 21 - Richmond: McDonald Plgd., Forest Ave. & Broadway, Jr. Boys 4:00 P.M.
- May 21 - " West New Brighton " " " Sr. Boys 6:00 P.M.
- May 21 - " " " " " " " Sr. Girls 5:00 P.M.

Punchball (Girls)

- May 22 - Manhattan: Heckscher Plgd., 62 St. & West Drive, Central Park-Sr. 3:00 P.M.
- May 22 - Queens: Jewell Ave. Plgd., Jewell Ave. & Utopia Parkway, Flushing Sr. 2:00 P.M.
- May 24 - Richmond: McDonald Plgd., Forest Ave. & Broadway, West New Brighton Sr. 4:30 P.M.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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For Release Friday, May 21, 1943

The Department of Parks announces the birth
of a baby Aoudad in the Central Park Zoo.

The baby was born May 14. The mother, "Tuts,"
is five years old, and the father, "Happy," is four years
old. Both parents were obtained from the Mesker Zoo,
Evansville, Indiana.

Aoudads are native wild sheep of North Africa
and are commonly known as Barberry Sheep. The baby will be
called "Yank".

Photographs may be taken at any time.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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FOR RELEASE Tuesday,
May 18, 1943

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The Department of Parks announces that the Borough Finals of Boxing in the New York Community Trust's Spring Tournament will take place on May 18 and 19.

There will be ten bouts, for boys 14 to 18 years, ranging from the 85 to the 160 pound class. These boys have passed qualifying physical tests and are the winners of preliminaries, conducted during the past two weeks.

The winners of these contests will receive valuable prizes and will be eligible to compete in the City Finals, with an opportunity to win a Twenty-Five Dollar War Bond. The loser in each event will receive a suitable consolation prize.

SCHEDULE OF BOROUGHS FINALS

- May 18 MANHATTAN: Gymnasium, 407 West 23 Street 8:00 P.M.
- May 19 BROOKLYN: McCarren Play Center, Driggs Ave. & Lorimer Street 7:00 P.M.
- May 19 BRONX: Crotona Play Center, 173 Street & Fulton Avenue 8:00 P.M.
- May 19 QUEENS: Jackson Heights Playground, 84 Street Between 25 & 30 Avenues 7:00 P.M.
- May 19 RICHMOND: Faber Park, Richmond Terrace at Faber Street 7:00 P.M.

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FOR RELEASE Saturday,
May 15, 1943

The Department of Parks announces the continuation of the New York Community Trust's Sports Tournament, with borough finals scheduled to take place in shuffleboard and handball at the various playgrounds in the five boroughs on Saturday, May 15.

Throughout the past week, 57,000 spectators have witnessed 2,176 inter-playground eliminations and district finals. This Sports Tournament sponsored by the New York Community Trust consists of 13 of the most popular activities for boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 18. Any boy or girl may obtain an entry blank at their neighborhood park or playground for the swimming events which are still open.

Individual city-wide winners will receive a Twenty-Five Dollar War Bond. Each member of winning teams will be awarded luggage. Other valuable prizes will be given to Borough and District winners.

Schedule of Borough Finals

SHUFFLEBOARD

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| May 15 - Manhattan: North Meadow, 100 St. & West Drive, Central Park | Jrs. - 11 A.M. Srs. - 2 P.M. |
| May 15 - Brooklyn: Shore Road & 97 Street Playground | Jrs. - 2 P.M. Srs. - 2 P.M. |
| May 15 - Queens: Maurice Playground, Borden & Maurice Avenues, Maspeth | Jrs. - 2 P.M. Srs. - 3 P.M. |
| May 15 - Bronx: McCombs Dam Park, East 161 St. & Ruppert Place | Jrs. - 11 A.M. Srs. - 2 P.M. |
| May 15 - Richmond: Mahoney Playground, Beechwood & Crescent Avenues, New Brighton | Jrs. - 4 P.M. Srs. - 4 P.M. |

HANDBALL

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| May 15 - Manhattan: North Meadow, 100 Street & West Drive, Central Park | Jrs. - 2 P.M. Srs. - 2 P.M. |
| May 15 - Brooklyn: City Park, Flushing & Navy Streets | Jrs. - 2 P.M. Srs. - 2 P.M. |
| May 15 - Queens: Victory Field, Myrtle Avenue, Woodhaven Boulevard | Jrs. - 2 P.M. Srs. - 2 P.M. |
| May 15 - Bronx: McCombs Dam Park, Jerome, Sedgwick & Exterior St. | Jrs. - 11 A.M. Srs. - 2 P.M. |

ROLLER HOCKEY

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| May 15 - Queens: Windmuller Playground, 52 St. & Woodside Ave., Woodside, L. I. | Srs. - 2 P.M. |
| May 15 - Brooklyn: Red Hook, Henry and Lorraine Streets | Srs. - 2 P.M. |

PADDLE TENNIS

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| May 15 - Queens: Kissena Park, Kissena Boulevard & 164 Street, Flushing | Jrs. - 4:30 PM Srs. - 4:30 PM |
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FOR RELEASE Saturday,
May 13 1943

The Children's Orchestra of the Park Department will present a concert at Forest Park Music Grove, near Myrtle Avenue and Woodhaven Boulevard, Glendale, Queens, May 16, at 2:30 P.M.

This juvenile orchestra is composed of thirty boys and girls from 10 to 17 years of age who have been selected from musical units established in the various playgrounds under the supervision of park personnel.

The program for next Sunday's concert will consist of various selections including patriotic songs, martial airs and classical numbers as well as chorus vocals. Some of the selections are Wagner's "Lohengrin", Ballet Music from "La Gioconda" by Ponchielli, "El Choclo", Tango, "The Champion March" and "The English Country Dance".

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The Department of Parks announces
the opening of the Pitch and Putt Golf Course
at Jacob Riis Park for this season on Saturday, *May 13th*
~~May 15.~~

With the exceptionally fine weather
of the past ~~few~~ *few* weeks the course is in excellent
condition, and golfers using this facility will
~~enjoy ideal playing conditions.~~

A charge of 50¢ a round is made to play
on this course. A golf ball deposit of 50¢ will
also be required.

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The Department of Parks announces that the city-wide finals of Ping Pong, the first of thirteen scheduled events in the New York Community Trust's Spring Sports Tournament, will take place on Saturday, May 15, at 2:00 P.M. at Mullaly Playground, Jerome Avenue and 162 Street, Bronx.

There will be four divisions, one for boys and girls between 12 and 16 years, and another for those 16 to 18 years.

These contestants are the Borough finalists who have survived intra-playground, district, and borough eliminations that have been taking place since May 1.

The winner in each division will be awarded a Twenty-Five Dollar War Bond. The runner-up in the boys divisions will receive a leather brief case and in the girls divisions a handsome silk umbrella.

Following are the contestants who will represent the various boroughs:

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| Manhattan: | Jr. Boys | Morris Ovadia | Roosevelt Playground |
| | Jr. Girls | Bernice Charney | J. Hood Wright Playground |
| | Sr. Boys | Louis Blumenthal | J. Hood Wright Playground |
| | Sr. Girls | Sylvia Stern | Roosevelt Playground |
| Brooklyn: | Jr. Boys | Walter Gilginsky | Betsy Head Playground |
| | Jr. Girls | Gene Roth | Shiplacoff Playground |
| | Sr. Boys | Allen Friedman | Ft. Hamilton Parkway |
| | Sr. Girls | Rose Halperin | Shiplacoff Playground |
| Queens: | Jr. Boys | Charles Rivkin | Thompson Hill Playground |
| | Jr. Girls | Mildred Flad | Braddock Playground |
| | Sr. Boys | Alfred Fundora | Flushing Memorial Playground |
| | Sr. Girls | Peggy McLean | O'Connell Playground |
| Bronx: | Jr. Boys | Tony Dios | Lyons Square Playground |
| | Jr. Girls | Anna Cassara | " " " |
| | Sr. Boys | Harry Goldstein | " " " |
| | Sr. Girls | Beatrice Fox | " " " |
| Richmond: | Jr. Boys | Frank Westcott | McDonald Playground |
| | Jr. Girls | Florence Bell | DeMatti Playground |
| | Sr. Boys | Donald Hicks | McDonald Playground |
| | Sr. Girls | Betty Lee | Lincoln Avenue Playground |

The following persons have consented to act as judges of the tournament and will also play exhibition games: Davida Hawthorne, one of the ranking players of 1942; Edna Scheinhart, Women's Metropolitan Champion of 1942 and Women's Connecticut State Champion of 1942; Charles Schmidt, number 3 ranking national player of 1940-41; Sol Schiff, National Table Tennis Champion from 1934 to 1938 and Cal Skinner of Yonkers.

This year additional fishing areas mostly in Manhattan and Queens, have been set aside by the Department of Parks for salt water anglers and surf casters of New York City who, because of the tire and auto rationing and the restrictions on off-shore fishing boats, must necessarily find their recreation in nearby boundary waters.

The areas and their season and hours of operation, are located as follows:

QUEENS

- Jacob Riis Park, North Shore - daylight hours, all year
- Cross Bay Boulevard Bridge - daylight hours, all year
- *Jacob Riis Park Beach, Bay 13 - daylight hours, all year
- *Rockaway Beach, Beach 17 to Beach 73 Streets - daylight hours, all year
- *Rockaway Beach, Beach 126 to Beach 149 Streets - daylight hours, all year
- Francis Lewis Park, East River and 147 Street - daylight hours, all year
- Little Neck Bay, along shore of Belt Parkway - daylight hours, all year
- Flushing Bay, along shore of Grand Central Parkway - daylight hours, all year

RICHMOND

- *Wolfe's Pond Beach - October to May, daylight hours
- *South Beach - October to May, daylight hours

MANHATTAN

- Southwest corner of Randall's Island - daylight hours, all year
- 107 Street Pier, Harlem River - daylight hours, all year
- Hudson River at 83 Street - daylight hours, all year
- Hudson River at 92 Street - daylight hours, all year
- Hudson River at 106 Street - daylight hours, all year
- Hudson River, foot of 177 Street - daylight hours, all year
- Hudson River, 100 feet North of Dyckman Street - daylight hours, all year
- Hudson River, North of Dyckman Street Ball Fields - daylight hours, all year

BRONX

- Twin Island, Pelham Bay Park - daylight hours, all year
- Talapoosa Point, Pelham Bay Park - daylight hours, all year
- North of old Hunter Island Bridge, Pelham Bay Park - daylight hours, all year
- Sea wall at parking field adjacent to Huntington Mansion, Pelham Bay Park - daylight hours, all year
- Orchard Beach side of lagoon, Pelham Bay Park - October to May, daylight hours
- Ferry Point Park - daylight hours, all year

BROOKLYN

- Canarsie Pier - daylight hours, all year
- Shore Parkway, waterfront promenade between Ft. Hamilton and Bay 8 Street - daylight hours, all year
- Steeplechase Pier(abutment) - daylight hours, all year
- Steeplechase Pier(both sides of Pier, north of building) - October to May, daylight hours,
- *Coney Island Beach - October to May, daylight hours
- Neptune Avenue & West 23 St.(area on waterfront promenade) - daylight hours, all year
- Plum Beach, foot of Gerritsen Avenue - daylight hours, all year

*SURF CASTING(At these locations where there is bathing, the hours for fishing are regulated so as not to interfere with beach usage.)

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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The Department of Parks announces that the historic Claremont Inn, built in 1806 and recognized as one of New York's landmarks, on Riverside Drive north of Grant's Tomb, will reopen at 5 P.M., Saturday, May 8.

Claremont Inn will be open Saturday and weekday evenings from 5 o'clock on and Sundays from 12 noon.

Dinners are from \$2.00 up.

There will be dancing inside in the cocktail lounge and outside on the terrace under the stars. Music will again be furnished by Joe Ricardel and his orchestra.

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The Department of Parks announces that the Borough finals of the New York Community Trust's Spring Tournament in paddle tennis, ping pong and roller hockey are taking place in the various playgrounds in the five boroughs.

Throughout the past weeks eliminations in playground and district finals were conducted with 3,928 games witnessed by a total spectator audience of 84,000 people.

This contest sponsored by the New York Community Trust is happily endorsed by 37,750 boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 18, who have already signed up to participate. Two very popular events, swimming and track are still open to boys and girls, who desire to enter these contests. Entry blanks can be obtained at any neighborhood park or playground.

A grand prize of a Twenty-Five Dollar War Bond will be given the individual city-wide winners in each sport. There will be valuable prizes to the members of winning teams. Borough and district prizes will also be awarded.

SCHEDULE OF BOROUGH FINALS

PING PONG

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| May 7 - Richmond: Lyons Pool, Victory Boulevard & Murray Hulbert Avenue, Tompkinsville | Jrs. - 4:00 P.M. Srs. - 4:00 P.M. |
| May 8 - Manhattan: West 28 St. Gymnasium, 407 West 28 Street | Jrs. - 11:00 A.M. Srs. - 2:00 P.M. |
| May 8 - Brooklyn: Picnic House, Prospect Park | Jrs. - 2:00 P.M. Srs. - 2:00 P.M. |
| May 8 - Bronx: Mullaly Playground, 162 Street & Jerome Ave. | Jrs. - 2:00 P.M. Srs. - 3:00 P.M. |
| May 8 - Queens: Flushing Memorial Playground, Bayside & 25 Avenues and 149 Street | Jrs. - 4:00 P.M. Srs. - 5:30 P.M. |

PADDLE TENNIS

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| May 8 - Manhattan: East River Park at 8 Street | Jrs. - 11:00 A.M. Srs. - 2:00 P.M. |
| May 8 - Brooklyn: City Park, Flushing & Navy Street | Jrs. - 2:00 P.M. Srs. - 2:00 P.M. |
| May 8 - Bronx: Mullaly Playground, 162 Street & Jerome Avenue | Jrs. - 2:00 P.M. Srs. - 3:00 P.M. |
| May 8 - Richmond: Lincoln Avenue Playground, Lincoln & Boundary Avenues, Midland Beach | Jrs. - 4:00 P.M. Srs. - 4:00 P.M. |

ROLLER HOCKEY

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| May 9 - Manhattan: Carl Schurz Park, 84 Street & East River Park | 2:00 P.M. |
| May 9 - Bronx: Mullaly Playground, 162 Street & Jerome Avenue | 3:00 P.M. |
| May 9 - Richmond: McDonald Playground, Forest Avenue & Broadway | 2:00 P.M. |

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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For Release Monday,
 May 3, 1943

The Department of Parks announces that district finals of the New York Community Trust's Spring Tournament in ping pong, roller hockey and paddle tennis are taking place in various playgrounds throughout the City beginning Saturday, May 1.

Eliminations have already started with 1468 games in basketball, softball, handball, roller hockey, ping pong and paddle tennis contested in various playgrounds before a total spectator audience of 30,660 people.

The contest will run through May and June and boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 18 are still eligible to enter some of these events. Competitors may enter as many events as they desire. There is no entry fee. Entry blanks are still being accepted for the track meets, swimming, baseball, horseshoe pitching, punchball(girls). These blanks are available at all neighborhood parks and playgrounds. These should be filled out and forwarded to one of the borough offices listed below. Thirty-three thousand boys and girls have already signed up to participate in this tournament.

A grand prize of a Twenty-five Dollar War Bond will be given to the individual city-wide winners in each sport. There will also be valuable prizes to the members of winning teams. These prizes amounting to \$10,000. were made possible through the generosity of the New York Community Trust.

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| MANHATTAN | Mr. P. J. Cruise Arsenal Building 64 Street & Fifth Avenue |
| BROOKLYN | Mr. R. C. Jenkins Litchfield Mansion Prospect Park Prospect Park West & Fifth Street |
| QUEENS | Mr. J. J. Mallen The Overlook Union Turnpike & Park Lane Forest Park, Kew Gardens |
| BRONX | Mr. G. L. Quigley Bronx Park East & Birchall Avenue |
| RICHMOND | Mr. A. M. Anderson Clove Lakes Park 1150 Clove Road West New Brighton Staten Island |

SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT FINALS ATTACHED

SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT FINALS - WEEK OF MAY 1

PING PONG - Boys and Girls - 12 to 18 years

| <u>District</u> | <u>Location of Game</u> | <u>Date</u> |
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| <u>Manhattan:</u> | | |
| Lower East Side Playgrounds | Roosevelt Playground, Chrystie and Forsyth Streets | May 1 Jr. - 11 A.M. Sr. - 2 P.M. |
| Yorkville Playgrounds | Thomas Jefferson Playground, E. 114 St. and Pleasant Ave. | Same |
| Chelsea Playgrounds | West 28 Street Gym, West 28 Street and 9 Avenue | Same |
| Harlem Playgrounds | West 134 Street Gym, West 134 Street & 5 Avenue | May 3- 4 P.M. |
| Washington Heights Playgrounds | J. Hood Wright Playground, West 173 Street and Ft. Washington Avenue | May 1 Jr. - 11 A.M. Sr. - 2 P. M. |
| <u>Queens:</u> | | |
| The Rockaways and Richmond Hill Playgrounds | Jackson Pond Playground, 108 Street and Myrtle Avenue | May 5- 4 P.M. |
| Astoria, Ridgewood and Maspeth Playgrounds | Corona 102 Street Playground | Same |
| Jackson Heights, Flushing & Bayside Playgrounds | Flushing Memorial Playground, Bayside Avenue and 150 Street | Same |
| Jamaica and St. Albans Playgrounds | O'Connell Playground, 113 Ave. and 196 Street | Same |
| <u>Bronx:</u> | | |
| Mott Haven Playgrounds | St. Mary's West Playground E. 146 St. & St. Ann's Avenue | May 1 Jr. - 11 A.M. Sr. - 2 P.M. |
| Morrisania Playgrounds | Mullaly Playground, E. 165 St. and Jerome Avenue | Same |
| Tremont Playgrounds | Crotona Play Center, E. 173 St. and Fulton Avenue | Same |
| Fordham Playgrounds | Williamsbridge Playground, E. 208 St. & Bainbridge Ave. | Same |
| Felham-Westchester Playgrounds | Zimmerman Playground, Olinville Avenue and Britton Street | Same |
| <u>Richmond:</u> | | |
| Port Richmond-West New Brighton Playgrounds | McDonald Playground, Forest Ave., Broadway, W. Brighton | May 4- 4 P.M. |
| Tompkinsville-Stapleton-Rosebank Playgrounds | Lyons Pool, Victory Boulevard & Murray Hulbert Ave., Tompkinsville | May 4- 4 P.M. |
| Tottenville-New Dorp Playgrounds | DeMatti Playground, Tompkins Avenue, Rosebank | May 4- 4 P.M. |

PADDLE TENNIS - Boys and Girls - 12 to 18 years

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| <u>Brooklyn</u> | | |
| Navy Yard, Red Hook Playgrounds | McLaughlin Playground, Jay & Tillary Streets | May 1- 2 P.M. |
| Williamsburg, Greenpoint Playgrounds | Taaffe Place Playground, Taaffe Place and Myrtle Avenue | Same |
| Bushwick Playgrounds | Bushwick Playground, Knickerbocker Avenue and Putnam Avenue | Same |

| <u>District</u> | <u>Location of Game</u> | <u>Date</u> |
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| <u>Brooklyn</u> (Continued) | | |
| Bensonhurst, Coney Island, Marine | Gravesend Playground, 56 St. and 18 Avenue | May 1- 2 P.M. |
| Brownsville Playgrounds | Elton & New Lots Playground | May 1- 2 P.M. <i>Sat</i> |
| Bay Ridge Playgrounds | Bay 8th Street & Cropsey Avenue Playground | Same |
| <u>Richmond</u> | | |
| Port Richmond, West & New Brighton Playgrounds | McDonald, Forest Avenue, Broadway, W. Brighton | May 4- 4 P.M. |
| Tompkinsville, Stapleton, Rosebank Playgrounds | Mahoney Playground, Beachwood & Crescent Ave., New Brighton | May 4- 4 P.M. |
| Tottenville, New Dorp Playgrounds | Lincoln Avenue and Midland Beach Playground | May 4- 4 P.M. |
| <u>ROLLER HOCKEY - Boys - 14 to 18 years</u> | | |
| <u>Manhattan:</u> | | |
| Lower East Side Playgrounds | Corlears Hook Playground, Corlears Hook & Jackson Street | May 1- 3 P.M. |
| Yorkville Playgrounds | Carl Schurz Playground, E. 84 Street & East End Avenue | May 2- 2 P.M. <i>Sund</i> |
| Chelsea Playgrounds | Chelsea, 10 Avenue, West 27 and West 28 Streets | May 2- 3 P.M. |
| Washington Heights Playgrounds | 105 Street and Riverside Drive Playground | May 1- 1 P.M. |
| <u>Brooklyn:</u> | | |
| Williamsburg, Greenpoint Playgrounds vs. Brownsville, East New York Playgrounds | McCarren Play Center, Driggs and Lorimer Street | May 1- 2 P.M. <i>Sat</i> |
| Bensonhurst-Coney Island, Flatbush Playgrounds vs. Bushwick Playgrounds | Same | May 1- 3 P.M. |
| <u>Queens</u> | | |
| Jackson Heights-Flushing Playgrounds vs. Jamaica Playgrounds | Maurice Playground, Borden & Maurice Avenues, 54 Avenue | May 1- 11 A.M. |
| Winner of Above vs. Astoria Playgrounds | Windmuller Playground, 52 St., Woodside Ave., 39 Road | May 3- 4 P.M. |
| <u>Bronx:</u> | | |
| Morrisania Playgrounds vs. Tremont Playgrounds | Mullaly Play Center, East 165 Street & Jerome Avenue | May 2- 2 P.M. |
| Mott Haven Playgrounds vs. Fordham Playgrounds | Same | May 2- 4 P.M. |
| <u>Richmond:</u> | | |
| Port Richmond, West and New Brighton Playgrounds | McDonald Playground, Forest Ave., Broadway, West Brighton | May 1- 2 P.M. |
| Tompkinsville, Stapleton, Rosebank Playgrounds | Mahoney Playground, Beechwood & Crescent Avenues, New Brighton | May 1- 2 P.M. |

Lincoln Terrace Sunday

Basketball 12 noon

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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FOR RELEASE Monday,
May 3, 1943

SOUNDVIEW PARK, THE BRONX, AND
GREAT KILLS PARK, RICHMOND

The Department of Parks announces that the War Production Board has granted a priority for the materials required for the construction of a timber bulkhead at Great Kills Park (Marine Park) Borough of Richmond, New York. This operation was originally designed for the construction of a steel sheet bulkhead but the design was changed and the timber bulkhead substituted to eliminate steel and other critical materials.

The construction of the bulkhead is another step forward in the program for the construction of a major shorefront recreational area in the City of New York. Park reclamation activities at Great Kills were started in 1934 by constructing with relief funds a section of bulkhead, filling in Crookes Point and attaching it to the mainland. In 1936 the City acquired adjacent meadowland to round out the park area so that today title to all land and land under water required for the program is vested in the City. Later with Federal and City funds a portion of the area was filled with material dredged from the channel into the harbour. The Park Department is now preparing plans for the post-war construction of the park which will contain a bathing beach, bathhouse, parking fields, boat basin, and recreational areas.

The park today is primarily meadowland and will require several million cubic yards of fill to make it usable. This will be made available by the transfer of the "controlled land fill" operation of the Department of Sanitation from Soundview Park, the Bronx, at the end of this year. The waste material will be brought to the site in scows, unloaded and covered with clean earth. Sanitation fill will be placed only in the interior of

the park. The beach and frontage on Great Kills harbour will be filled with clean sand to avoid any possible pollution of the bathing beach and waters in the bay.

The operation at Soundview has been carried out over the past two years without nuisance and has added a valuable park to the recreational system.

Soundview Park, the Bronx, originally consisted of 93 acres of upland, much of which was typically barren salt marsh with natural creeks and artificial drainage. In 1940, 56 additional acres were acquired by condemnation for park purposes, 48 of which was land under water.

The Bronx River and East River frontages consisted of an irregular and muddy shore line. Bulkheads were constructed and during the past two years, the Department of Sanitation has been depositing refuse which is graded, compacted and covered with clean earth fill. It is estimated that these operations will be completed in the late fall of this year and this disposal of this waste material which is vital to the health of the City must be transferred to another area, namely Great Kills, Richmond.

At Great Kills Park, the bulkhead is necessary to confine the fill and will be a part of the unloading and mooring facilities. Construction will take about six months and it will take approximately three months to set up the Sanitation unloading equipment to prepare for unloading operations. There is no reason that all operations cannot be progressed simultaneously and the bulkhead work will be scheduled so that filling operations can start by the time operations at Soundview are completed.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
TEL. REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE Sunday,
May 2, 1943

*Delivered 4/30/43
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The Park Department announces that after the evening session at the City Building, Flushing Meadow Park, on Sunday, May 2, 1943, ice skating will be discontinued and only the roller skating rink will be in operation.

Patronage of the ice skating rink has decreased rapidly during the past three weeks and with the recent warm weather, interest in this sport has become so low that the attendance no longer justifies its continued operation. The ice skating rink will be re-opened early in the fall. During this season 225,967 persons availed themselves of the facility.

The roller skating rink at the City Building will continue to operate evening sessions from 7:30 to 11:00 P.M. with the exception of Mondays on which day the facility will be closed. There will be free morning sessions from 9:00 A.M. to 12 noon on Saturdays; afternoon sessions from 2:30 to 5:30 P.M. on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays only.

Admission to afternoon sessions is 20¢ per person including tax and 40¢ per person including tax for evening sessions. Checking is free.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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Mr. Keur's

FOR RELEASE Thursday,
April 29, 1943

The Department of Parks announces the completion of the planting of approximately four thousand early Tulips in Stuyvesant Square Park, at Second Avenue and 16th Street, which were donated by James Keur in memory of his wife Johanna who died recently. The site chosen for the planting is around the fountain on the west side of the park, adjacent to the statue of another famous Dutchman, Peter Stuyvesant. They will be in full bloom during the week of May 3rd. The three varieties are the White Hawk, a beautiful pure white type; the Peach Blossom, a double flesh pink with a peoney-like bloom; and the DeWet, famous for its association with the House of Orange.

Mr. and Mrs. Keur were born in Hellegon, Holland where Mrs. Keur had the distinction of being the first lady Alderman. During a distinguished career of sixty years in the field of horticulture, Mr. Keur has grown millions of Tulips both in Holland and the United States. Reports that have come out of Holland indicate that his extensive business there has been wiped out by the Nazis who have expropriated the land for the growing of vegetables to feed the Nazi hordes. His interest in the parks of New York City extended over a period of several decades during which he has donated hundreds of thousands of Tulips whose blooms have gladdened the hearts of many times that number of park patrons.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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Monday,
For Release April 19, 1943

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The Girl Scouts and the Department of Parks have agreed on an expanded program of day camps in the various park picnic areas this summer. They are to be located as follows, and all of the camps will be open on July 1, 1943.

BRONX:

Van Cortlandt Park:
1. Holly's Lane, West of Jerome Avenue
at Woodlawn Station

Pelham Bay Park:
1. Pelham Bay Picnic Area,
Rice Playfield

QUEENS:

Cunningham Park
Horace Harding Boulevard to Grand Central
Parkway, between 194th Street and Hollis
Court Boulevard, Hollis

Forest Park
Off Main Drive near Woodhaven
Boulevard, Glendale

RICHMOND:

Willowbrook Park
Victory Boulevard and Richmond Avenue

Wolfe's Pond Park
Hylan Boulevard and Cornelia Avenue
(on Raritan Bay)

This program will start on July 1st and end on August 13th and is open to all girls between the ages of 7 and 18 whether or not they are members of the Girl Scouts. There is an entry fee of fifty cents for each of the two-week periods.

The girls bring their own meals. Those attending will enjoy all the things that go with camp life, except that they will not live on the grounds. They are taught camp craft, handcraft, folk dancing, singing, photography, clay modelling, weaving, and, in addition, enjoy the additional recreation facilities that are provided by the department.

The Department of Parks is assigning personnel to aid in carrying out the program. Last year there were 1600 girls in the five boroughs who regularly enjoyed these day time trips to the park areas. There are very few who started the program on July 1st who didn't continue throughout the six-week period.

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 selected* For Release Sunday,
 April 13, 1943
Eliminations

The Department of Parks announces that, to date, over twenty thousand boys and girls, between the ages of 12 and 18, have entered the New York Community Trust's Spring Sports Tournament.

Eliminations in the thirteen sports will be conducted in all the park playgrounds, athletic fields and swimming pools through the months of April, May and June. Eliminations in the various sports will begin on:

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| Basketball | - | April 17 |
| Softball | - | 18 |
| Handball | - | 18 |
| Roller Hockey | - | 24 |
| Paddle Tennis | - | 24 |
| Ping Pong | - | May 1 |
| Punchball | - | 1 |
| Baseball | - | 1 |
| Shuffleboard | - | 2 |
| Horseshoe Pitching | - | 2 |

The generous contribution of \$10,000. by the New York Community Trust will provide prizes for district, borough and City-wide winners. Top prizes will be \$25.00 war bonds for the individual City-wide winners. Other winners will receive luggage, athletic equipment, and other valuable and useful prizes.

Entry blanks are available at all neighborhood parks and playgrounds, or they may be secured by writing to the various borough headquarters of the Park Department, listed below:

Manhattan: Mr. P. J. Cruise
 Arsenal Building
 64 Street & Fifth Avenue

Brooklyn: Mr. R. C. Jenkins
 Litchfield Mansion
 Prospect Park West & Fifth Street

QUEENS: Mr. J. J. Mallen
 The Overlook
 Union Turnpike & Park Lane
 Forest Park, Kew Gardens

Bronx: Mr. G. L. Quigley
 Bronx Park East & Birchall Avenue

Richmond: Mr. A. M. Anderson
 Clove Lakes Park
 1150 Clove Road
 West New Brighton
 Staten Island, N. Y.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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FOR RELEASE Saturday,
April 17, 1943

EASTER FLOWER SHOW - PROSPECT PARK

The Park Department announces the opening of the Annual Easter Flower Show at the Greenhouse in Prospect Park, Prospect Park West and 7th Street, Brooklyn, on Palm Sunday, April 18, at 10 A.M. The show will be open to the public each day thereafter for three weeks from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

The exhibit this year is one of the finest of these annual shows. More than 300 varieties of flowers are represented by 5,000 specimens. The main feature of the show is a huge cross 27 feet by 15 feet with the head of the cross raised 20 feet off the floor, made up of pure white Bermuda lilies, edged with dark blue cinerarias, and banked with genistas. Shower of gold plant and pink and white azaleas are at the base of the cross. Leading to the steps of the cross is a path of grass with a sunken garden of azaleas in over 50 varieties.

As a background for the central motive, the walls of the Greenhouse are banked with a colorful display of flowers in great varieties, among which are cinerarias, calceolarias, sweet peas and snapdragons.

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PRESS PHOTOGRAPHS MAY BE TAKEN AT ANY TIME.

The ten Municipal Golf Courses operated by the Department of Parks will be opened for play for the season on Saturday, April 17. All of the courses are readily accessible by transit facilities. The food and refreshment bars in the clubhouses will also open for the season at that time. Sandwiches and refreshments are available at these bars to accommodate golfers.

With the exception of the Forest Park Golf Course, the same professionals will be on hand as last year. At the Forest Park Course, Mr. Hughie Clasby will take over this season. Golf Pros will arrange for lessons and make repairs to golf equipment.

Golf permits for the season cost \$5.00. An additional charge of 10¢ will be made with the season golf permit on weekdays and an additional charge of 50¢ on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays. Daily golf fees remain the same; 75¢ on weekdays and \$1.00 on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

The department also announces the opening of the clay tennis courts on April 17, weather permitting. Tennis permits cost \$3.00.

Complete listing of the golf and tennis facilities can be found in the telephone directory.

Permits can be secured at any of the five borough offices listed below, either by personal application or by mail.

MANHATTAN - Arsenal Building - Telephone: REgent 4-1000
64 Street and Fifth Avenue

BROOKLYN - Litchfield Mansion - Telephone: SOuth 8-2300
Prospect Park West and 5th Street

QUEENS - The Overlook - Telephone: CLeveland 3-4600
Union Turnpike & Park Lane
Forest Park, Kew Gardens, L. I.

BRONX - Bronx Park East & Birchall Ave.-Telephone: WEstchester 7-5200
Bronx Park

RICHMOND - Clove Lakes Park - Telephone: GIbraltar 2-7640
1150 Clove Road
West New Brighton, Staten Island

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
TEL. REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE Wednesday,
April 7, 1943

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City Ed., Special ed.,
Del. 4/6/43 5 P.M. column writers, sports ed., scholastic writers,
golf writers

The Department of Parks announces that the City-wide finals of the Boxing Championships will take place at Lost Battalion Hall, 93-29 Queens Boulevard, Queens, on Thursday, April 8, at 8:30 P.M. Admission is free.

Valuable prizes, consisting of traveling bags for the winners and fountain pens for the losers, have been donated by Bernard Gimbel for this occasion.

All the boxers, who will take part in these bouts on Thursday are the borough winners of a series of eliminations conducted throughout the City at the various Park Department boxing centers. These boys have been instructed at these centers by trained park personnel as part of a recreational and physical fitness program.

There will be eighteen bouts, with classifications ranging from the 85 pounders to the heavyweight division. Competitors have been further classified into two age groups: Midget (14 to 16 years) and Junior (16 to 18 years).

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Mr. Heaslip

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
TEL. REGENT 4-1000

FOR RELEASE MONDAY
March 29, 1943

The Department of Parks and The New York Community Trust announce a widespread athletic competition for the boys and girls of the City, to take place during the months of April, May and June. The sports in this competition, which will be conducted by convenient districts, include basket ball, softball, baseball, paddle tennis, ping pong, track meets, shuffle board, handball, boxing, swimming, roller hockey, horseshoe pitching, and punch ball (for girls).

Events have been scheduled for ages from 12 to 18 years. No entry fee is required. Competitions will take place in all recreation areas and playgrounds of the City, and prizes will be awarded at the district, borough and City finals. These competitions will have not only competitive interest, but also spectator interest, especially the inter-district, inter-borough and City-wide finals. These contests, therefore, will be staged at locations having suitable seating arrangements for spectators, such as indoor and outdoor swimming pools, amphitheatres and stadia. The grand prize to the individual winner of the City-wide finals in each sport is to be a Twenty-Five Dollar War Bond. There will also be valuable individual prizes to team winners.

The closing dates of entries, according to sports, will be:

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| Basket Ball | April 17 |
| Handball | 17 |
| Softball | 17 |
| Paddle Tennis | 24 |
| Ping Pong | 24 |
| Roller Hockey | 24 |
| Boxing | 24 |
| Shuffle Board | 24 |
| Punch Ball | May 1 |
| Baseball | 1 |
| Horseshoe Pitching | 1 |
| Swimming | 22 |
| Track Meets | 8 |

Although the Park Department has conducted annual competitions in the past, it was thought this year, with so much interest concentrated on things military, it was necessary to give more attention to recreation on a large scale for young civilians because of war conditions. The New York Community Trust has generously provided funds for the purchase of 3886 prizes.

Boys and girls desiring to enter these tournaments should get in touch with the Playground Director of their neighborhood playground, or write to the Park Director of the borough in which they reside:

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| Manhattan - | Mr. P. J. Cruise Arsenal Building 64th Street & Fifth Avenue New York City |
| Brooklyn - | Mr. R. C. Jenkins Litchfield Mansion Prospect Park West & Fifth Street Brooklyn, New York |
| Queens - | Mr. J. J. Mallen The Overlook Union Turnpike & Park Lane Forest Park, Kew Gardens New York City |
| Bronx - | Mr. G. L. Quigley Bronx Park East & Birchall Avenue Bronx, New York |
| Richmond - | Mr. A. M. Anderson Clove Lakes Park 1150 Clove Road West New Brighton, Staten Island New York City |

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
TEL. REGENT 4-1000

Miss Heaslip

FOR RELEASE SATURDAY
MARCH 27, 1943

The Department of Parks announces that 154 baseball diamonds and 279 softball fields throughout the five boroughs will be officially opened for play on Saturday, April 17.

While there is no charge for the use of these recreation areas, permits are required and they may be obtained by applying to the Borough Director of the borough in which the field is located. Each applicant must enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope with his request.

The names and addresses of the various Borough Directors follow:

Mr. P. J. Cruise, Borough Director
Arsenal Building
64 Street & Fifth Avenue
New York City

Mr. R. C. Jenkins, Borough Director
Litchfield Mansion
Prospect Park West & Fifth Street
Brooklyn, New York

Mr. J. J. Mallen, Borough Director
The Overlook
Union Turnpike & Park Lane
Forest Park, Kew Gardens, Long Island

Mr. G. L. Quigley, Borough Director
Bronx Park East & Birchall Avenue
Bronx, New York

Mr. A. M. Anderson, Borough Director
Clove Lakes Park
1150 Clove Road
West New Brighton, Staten Island

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK

Heaslip

Mr. Walter Hoving, President,
Lord & Taylor,
424 Fifth Avenue,
New York City

Dear Mr. Hoving:

The press attributes to you the statement that a big start would be made in balancing the City budget and avoiding additional taxation if the Mayor were to move out of the old Gracie Mansion in Carl Schurz Park.

The bright minds who do your research should know that the Gracie Mansion was repaired by relief forces because it was one of the very fine old landmarks of the City, that the use of the building for a Museum was not successful after the Museum of the City of New York moved out, that further repairs were made by relief forces and that the very best use for the building which could be thought of by numerous public-spirited people interested in its preservation was as a permanent, simple and dignified home for successive Mayors of the City of New York.

This building is maintained by park forces as an incident in the upkeep of Carl Schurz Park. The basement houses the park maintenance forces. The additional expense of upkeep as the Mayor's residence is so small that it could have no conceivable effect on the balancing of the budget. The City does not provide servants, food or other living expenses in the Mayor's House. These are paid for by the Mayor which, as you know, is contrary to the practice in the case of the White House, State Executive Mansions and other houses furnished to public executives to maintain the dignity and symbol of their offices. As an intelligent executive, you ought to take pride in the Mayor's House, just as you take pride in Fifth Avenue

It is a curious and interesting fact that a good many of your associates were enthusiastic about the conversion of the Gracie Mansion into the Mayor's House, and that the same people eagerly supported the Trustees of the Museum of the City of New York in persuading a previous City administration to buy a new site for this Museum when it was located in the Gracie Mansion.

If, in your campaign against the restoration of the full sales tax, you must sling mud and toss about phoney figures, please keep away from the parks and historic mansions. Even mud slinging is an art. The trick is not to spatter yourself and your friends.

Very truly yours,

/s/ ROBERT MOSES

Commissioner

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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FOR RELEASE Tuesday,
March 23, 1943

The Department of Parks announces the gift of two three year old female lions from the Hershey Estates, Hershey Pennsylvania, which have closed their zoo for the duration.

The animals both of which are fine specimens in good condition and shipped by Railway Express, arrived at the Central Park Zoo today. One animal will remain at Central Park and the other is already on its way to the Prospect Park Zoo.

These animals will replace others which have died from old age.

Photographs may be taken immediately.

Telephoned:

- ✓ Associated Press 1255
- ✓ Daily Mirror 5 P.M.
- ✓ Brooklyn Daily Eagle 110 P.M.
- ✓ Brooklyn Citizen 114 P.M.
- ✓ P.M. 116 P.M.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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For Release Saturday,
 March 20, 1943

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The Department of Parks announces that the New York State Indoor Speed Skating Championships will be held on Sunday, March 21, 1943, at 5:30 P.M. at the New York City Building, Flushing Meadow Park, Queens.

Fourteen speed skating events, ranging from the quarter mile to the two mile race are included in the program for Senior Men and Women, Intermediate Boys (under 18 years), Junior Boys (under 16 years), Juvenile Boys (under 14 years), Midget Boys (under 12 years) and Intermediate Girls (under 18 years).

Some of the outstanding ice skaters in the men's division who will compete in these championships next Sunday are Roy Erickson, Brooklyn, New York, 1942 Metropolitan Indoor Speed Champion; Herman Van Putten, present holder of the North American Indoor Speed Skating Championship as well as the Middle Atlantic Indoor Title and interstate Outdoor Championship; Ray Blum, 1943 Silver Skates Derby Championship.

In the Senior Women's division, Mrs. Helene Carlesco, Jackson Heights, 1943 Silver Skates Champion and Eastern States Outdoor Champion and Miss Beatrice Amann, Meriden, Connecticut, Tri-state Indoor Champion and runner-up for New York State Indoor title have registered for the New York State Championship.

Gold and silver medals will be awarded in each event by the Park Department.

Spectators will be admitted to the skating championship on Sunday, March 21, at the New York City Building, by paying the usual 40¢ admission fee.

The roller skating rink will be open to the public from 7:30 to 11 P.M. on the same evening upon payment of the admission charge. Roller skates will be furnished without any additional cost.

The cafeteria will be open during the course of the evening and a variety of food and drinks may be purchased at reasonable prices.

The New York City Building can be reached by: Flushing Ridgewood trolley to Grand Central Parkway, pedestrian walk to building; Independent subway to Grand Avenue station, Queens line, Flushing Ridgewood trolley to Grand Central Parkway; IRT, BMT lines to 111 Street station, Corona; North Shore bus from West Farms to Boston Road, Bronx, to Main Street, Flushing, LaGuardia Airport bus to park entrance gate; Triborough Coach from Continental Avenue, Forest Hills, to Horace Harding Boulevard, pedestrian walk to building.

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For Release FRIDAY
March 19, 1943

Bids were opened today by the Department of Parks at the Arsenal in Central Park on a contract for landscaping work on the Francis Lewis Boulevard, a mixed traffic artery extending eleven miles from the Belt Parkway in the southeastern corner of Queens to the Whitestone Bridge approach.

The contract for topsoil, seeding and planting will provide the finishing touches to the two mile section between Hillside Avenue and Horace Harding Boulevard, one and one-half miles of which passes through Cunningham Park.

The planting at each end of the boulevard will consist of formal street trees between the curb and sidewalk. Within the park and particularly around the three grade separations a considerable quantity of native trees and shrubs will be used to create an informal landscape consistent with the adjacent park development.

The major trees, some of which will be six inches in diameter will consist chiefly of a variety of oaks with a scattering of honey locust, ash, tulip and sweetgum. The steeper roadway slopes will be stabilized with bank binding vines and shrubs including huckleberry sods, ivy, roses and honeysuckle.

The bridges will be accented with small flowering trees such as the Hawthorne, Dogwood, Redbud and Viburnums. The native shrubs, many of which are flowering types will be used around the access roadways, open lawns and meadows.

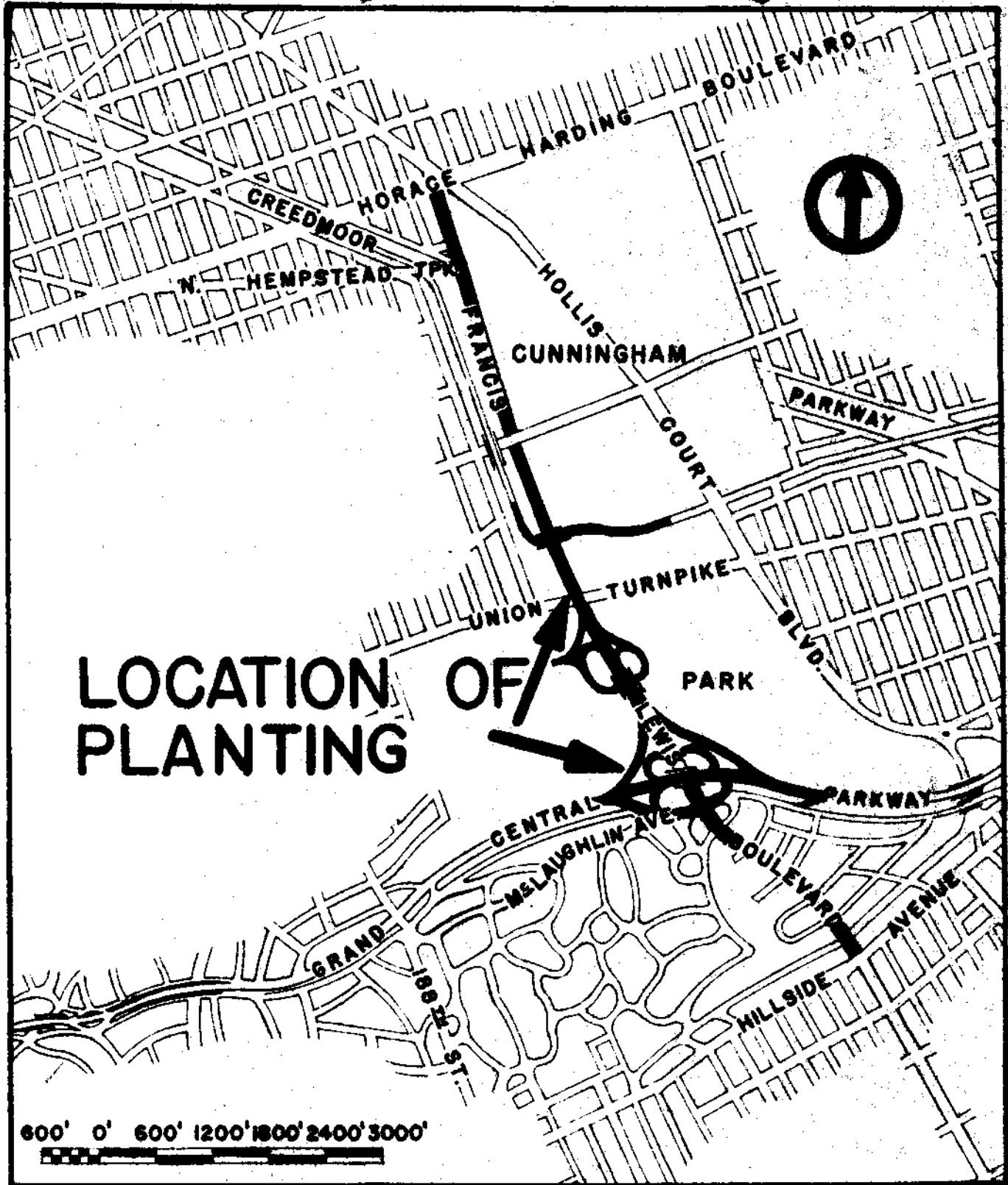
These will include the following: Sweetfern, spicebush, and witch hazel, arrowwood, azaleas and Bayberry Laurel, Silverbells and Sumac.

Occasional mounds of climbing roses and honeysuckle will be allowed to pile up on the wood guard rails near side slopes and bridge approaches.

The planting contract is scheduled for completion this spring.

The three lowest bids for the work described above were submitted by:

- 1. Lincolndale Nurseries, Inc. \$110,269.15
Lincolndale, New York
- 2. John Gozo 132,054.75
171-08 84th Road
Jamaica, New York
- 3. Grandview Company 132,072.65
6 Grandview Avenue
Mt. Vernon, New York



LOCATION OF PLANTING

OF PARK



BOROUGH OF QUEENS

PLANTING AT FRANCIS LEWIS BLVD.
AND McLAUGHLIN AVE.

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PRESS RELEASE #1**

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2-84A-241 Dec. 31/43

Bids were opened today by the Department of Parks at the Arsenal in Central Park on a contract for landscaping work on the Brooklyn-Connecting Highway.

The contract provides for spreading topsoil salvaged from the site, furnishing and spreading topsoil, furnishing and placing various types of plant food, furnishing and planting grass seed, trees, shrubs and vines along the access and service roadways at the intersection of the Brooklyn-Connecting Highway and Grand Central Parkway Extension. The sections specifically are the South Service Roadway of Grand Central Parkway from 86th Street to Ditmars Boulevard and Ditmars Boulevard from 91st Street to 93rd Street and the east and west branches of the Connecting Highway.

In addition to dressing up this arterial connector which skirts St. Michael's Cemetery the planting is essential for the preservation of the grade separation slopes. Over fifteen thousand trailing roses in seven varieties and supplemented with honeysuckle and other creepers will provide a color blanket to prevent the erosion of topsoil. White shadbush and yellow forsythia will provide an early touch of color to the spring picture. The basic tree planting will consist of Oaks, Sweetgum and Honey Locust. Flowering Hawthornes and Apples will be used for accent at the bridges and along the slopes.

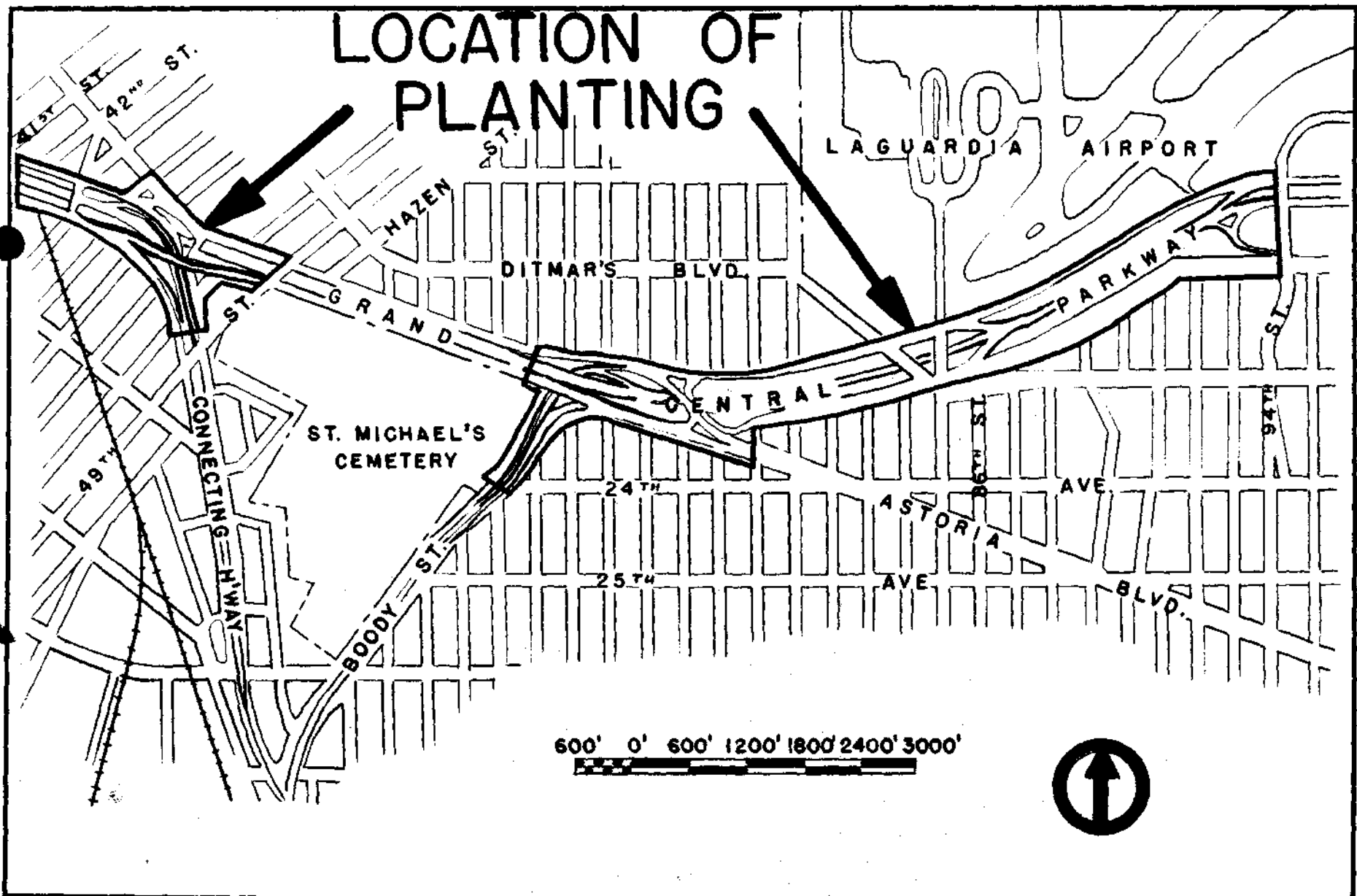
When this arterial improvement is opened it will shorten considerably the trip between downtown Manhattan, Brooklyn and the Municipal Airport.

The three lowest bids for the work described above were submitted by:

1. Meadow Brook Nurseries, Inc. \$114,285.45
42 Grand Avenue
Englewood, New Jersey
2. John Gozo \$122,388.00
171-08 84th Road
Jamaica, New York
3. Alcan Construction Corp. \$148,257.45
728 S. Columbus Avenue
Mt. Vernon, New York

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Press Release No. 2

LOCATION OF PLANTING



BOROUGH OF QUEENS

PLANTING AT INTERSECTIONS OF BOODY ST AND CONNECTING HWAY WITH GRAND CENTRAL PARKWAY, BOROUGH OF QUEENS.

3/12/43

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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FOR RELEASE Sunday,
March 14, 1943

The Borough President of Queens and the Department of Parks announce that a combination of social and square dancing will be conducted at Lost Battalion Hall, 93-29 Queens Boulevard, Queens, on the Friday nights of March 19 and 26, and on Monday evening, April 5.

Ed Durlacher, a well known "caller", will desert farm chores for the evening and will twang his way through the old familiar American Sets. He will be ably assisted in this undertaking by his equally well known "Top Hands", who will provide the music for all the dancing.

The music and prize were made available by the generous cooperation of the Long Island Daily Press and the Long Island Star Journal. The dances were arranged some time ago when the W.P.A. bands were available. The bands have since been discontinued, but the Long Island Daily Press and the Long Island Star Journal answered Commissioner Moses' call for help.

A prize of a twenty-five dollar War Bond will be awarded the winners in an Old Timers Waltz Contest. The combined ages of the contestants for this event must be a minimum of 100 years. Eliminations will take place on the nights of March 19 and March 26, with the finals conducted on the night of April 5.

There will be no admission charge. All are cordially welcome. Lost Battalion Hall may be reached by the Independent Eighth Avenue Subway, "E" train Express to Roosevelt Avenue station, change to local to Woodhaven Boulevard station. Come out at east end of station and walk two short blocks.

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ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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 For Release Saturday,
 March 13, 1943

The Department of Parks announces that contrary to rumor, New York City's public golf courses and tennis courts will be open this year as usual. These facilities will provide some outlet for the relief of strained nerves and long hours of work in war production, thereby helping maintain public morale.

Season permits for golf and tennis facilities will go on sale Monday, March 22. These permits can be secured at the five borough offices by mailing a check made payable to the Department of Parks or by application in person. Applicants for permits must furnish photographs that have been taken within two weeks of the date of application. The photograph is to be one-and-one-half inch by one-and-one half inch and must be attached to the application blank.

The price of golf permits will be five dollars. This year, however, there will be an additional charge of ten cents on week days, in conjunction with season golf permits, and on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, the same additional charge of fifty cents will be in effect as last year. The daily fee permit for playing from Monday to Friday will be seventy-five cents and one dollar on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays.

The department also announces the abolition of reservations for week-end and holiday play. This change in policy will place the operation of the golf courses entirely on a first come first served basis.

The charge for a season tennis permit will be three dollars. This permit is good at any time, at any of the forty-six locations where five hundred and twenty-two courts are operated by the Department of Parks.

Because of the uncertainty of spring weather, definite dates for the opening of the golf courses and clay tennis courts cannot be set at this time. If weather conditions are favorable, the golf courses and clay tennis courts will open on Saturday, April 17.

The Borough Offices where applications for tennis and golf permits can be made, are located as follows:

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| <u>Manhattan</u> | Arsenal Building - Telephone: REgent 4-1000 64 Street and Fifth Avenue |
| <u>Brooklyn</u> | Litchfield Mansion - Telephone: SOuth 8-2300 Prospect Park West & Fifth Street |
| <u>Queens</u> | The Overlook - Telephone: CLeveland 3-4600 Union Turnpike & Park Lane Forest Park, Kew Gardens, L. I. |
| <u>Bronx</u> | Bronx Park East & Birchall Avenue -Telephone: WEstchester 7- Bronx Park 5200 |
| <u>Richmond</u> | Clove Lakes Park - Telephone: GIBralter 2-7640 1150 Clove Road, West New Brighton, S. I. |

#19938 Proposed Improvement Around Harlem Meer,
Central Park, Manhattan (Glossy Print)

Black & White, (Map file)

? 9 Unfinished Playgrounds

ML 42-1407 Inwood Park Boat Basin

ML 183-103 Pldg adjacent to P.S. 108

XL 141-106 Plgd. adjoining P.S. #21

XL 135-107 New plgd. & comfort station, Bailey Ave.
& West 234 St.

XL 136-105 New plgd. Harris Park

BL 219-104 Plgd., Truxton, Sackman & Fulton Sts.

QL 301-104 Plgd. adj. P.S. 40

QL 302-104 Plgd., St. Felix & Seneca Aves., 75 Ave.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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SATURDAY
 March 13, 1943

For Release

Bids were opened today by the Department of Parks at the Arsenal Building in Central Park on a contract for the completion of nine park projects left in various stages of progress by the W.P.A. Widely spaced throughout the City, these improvements comprise six new playgrounds, ranging from one to four acres; the reconstruction of the Harlem Meer section of Central Park, Manhattan; a new ten acre athletic field in the Bronx, at Bedford Park Boulevard and Goulden Avenue and a new boat basin in Inwood Hill Park, Manhattan.

In most instances the new recreational facilities are being provided in old neighborhoods where existing park areas are completely lacking or are too distant to be readily accessible to mothers and children.

It is essential to complete these unfinished W.P.A. projects as quickly as possible to protect the work already done and the public using the parks in and adjacent to these uncompleted areas. To leave them in their present condition until after the war would be a serious waste of funds already expended. Although the contract allows about eight months for completion, it is expected that most of the playgrounds will be opened for usage about mid-summer of this year.

With the exception of basic materials such as sand, stone, cement, topsoil, etc. which do not require priorities, items needed for the completion of the projects are now in the possession of the City and no critical materials are necessary.

The projects are as follows:

Manhattan

1. HARLEM MEER, CENTRAL PARK, the largest improvement consists of the reconstruction of the northeastern corner of Central Park extending from Conservatory Gardens to 110th Street and from Fifth Avenue to East Park Drive.

The new development which is about 50% completed retains with slight modification the original shape of the lake, presently drained for construction operations. A new fifteen foot promenade is being built around the shore line completely encircling the lake. Frequent connections will be made to a secondary path system which will parallel the shore promenade and connect with the main park entrances from Fifth Avenue, 110th Street, Conservatory Gardens and the general park path system. The south slopes and ravines will be interlaced with foot paths and trails winding through interesting plantings leading to tree shaded overlook benches from which the lake and Conservatory Gardens may be viewed. Benches will also be conveniently spaced along the lake promenade and the general path system including the trails.

A combination brick boathouse, comfort station and refreshment concession with a 360 foot boat landing platform are the main features of the north shore adjacent to 110th Street. Two new entrances will be opened in the north wall of the park with stone stairways leading to the boathouse plaza. Convenient approaches to the two existing marginal playgrounds, north and east of the lake, will be provided.

Appropriate trees including Maples, Oaks and Dogwoods and various flowering shrubs will be added to the existing planting.

2. INWOOD HILL PARK, BOAT BASIN AREA; the boat basin was formed by joining an island in the bed of the old Spuyten Duyvil Creek to Manhattan with fill.

Approximately 80% completed, the development included in this contract will provide riprap along the shore of the one acre oval shaped basin, two small parking fields, a concrete storage building for fifty canoes, a waterfront promenade adjacent to the riprapped banks and a central bulkheaded plaza which will be the site of a future administration and boat concession building. The island will be planted with shade trees and lawns.

3. PLAYGROUND AT MADISON AVENUE TO PARK AVENUE, EAST 108 to EAST 109 STREETS, one acre in extent and about 90% completed, is located in the eastern half of the block.

The entire block was acquired by the City in 1941 for a school site and playground. Clearing the densely built up area of old four and five story brick and brownstone buildings was started in September of 1941. The school site was levelled and surfaced with a mixture of sand and cinders.

Playground facilities including four handball courts, three shuffleboard courts and a softball diamond have been opened to the public since late last summer.

The new contract provides for installing chain link fence and benches, completion of the comfort station, and equipment for the volley ball and basket ball courts.

Bronx

4. PLAYGROUND AT WEST 234 STREET AND BAILEY AVENUE, about 90% completed and three acres in extent, was originally acquired for school purposes in 1929 and was assigned last year to the Department of Parks.

At present it is enclosed by eight foot chain link fence with two entrances from West 234 Street. It is sub-divided into units by tree planted block paved malls and contains a wading pool, comfort station flanked by two narrow units of play apparatus for pre-school and older children, slides and

seesaws in the pre-school section, a court games area with three handball courts and three bocci courts, and a softball diamond with backstop. This latter area may also be used for roller skating and free play.

The contract provides for the completion of the comfort station, a sandpit, swings, a pipe frame exercise unit, laying granite blocks, erection of a flagpole, construction of a concrete retaining wall, erection of a chain link fence and the planting of shade trees.

5. ATHLETIC FIELD AT BEDFORD PARK BOULEVARD, PAUL AND GOULDEN AVENUES AND 205 STREET, which is about 50% developed, was formerly part of the Jerome Park Reservoir. It was placed under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks in 1940 by assignment from the Department of Water Supply, Gas and Electricity. The ten acre park is readily accessible from the Grand Concourse via West Bedford Park Boulevard and West 205 Street.

The new contract provides for completing a portion of the ultimate L-shaped bleachers, four regulation baseball and two softball diamonds with backstops, four football fields, benches and drinking fountains.

A brick field house of modern detail with lockers, comfort station and refreshment concession will be built after the war.

6. PLAYGROUND AT WHITE PLAINS ROAD, EAST 225 TO EAST 226 STREETS, was acquired in 1941 by the City for school and recreational purposes. The Board of Education removed the old one and a half story frame school annex adjacent to the playground and added a wing to the old two story brick building.

The new one and one-quarter acre playground which is about 85% completed will be operated by the Board of Education during school hours and at all other times by the Department of Parks for community usage. A one quarter acre parcel of the old school property located north of the new school wing has been included in the playground development.

A court games area developed on the old school grounds will contain a combination volley ball and basket ball court, three paddle tennis courts and two shuffleboard courts. Adjacent to this area will be a wading pool and two handball courts. Two play areas containing the typical play apparatus will lie between the school house and the combination softball diamond.

Brooklyn

7. PLAYGROUND AT EASTERN PARKWAY, FULTON, TRUXTON AND SACKMAN STREETS, is divided into two sections by Sackman Street. Slightly over three and a half acres it was originally acquired by the Board of Transportation for subway purposes and was transferred in 1940 to the Department of Parks. Restrictions were placed on construction because of the existing subway.

The Board of Transportation, in connection with the building of a subway entrance, has provided concrete retaining walls around the larger easterly section coordinating this work with the Department of Parks playground plans.

The smaller triangle between Eastern Parkway and Sackman Street opened to the public in November 1942, includes a sitting area with a memorial flagpole, a roller skating track; a comfort station, a sand pit, wading pool and several pieces of kindergarten play apparatus.

The large triangle east of Sackman Street which is about 80% completed will when the new contract is finished, contain two basketball, six shuffleboard, three paddle tennis, three handball, two bocci, and four horseshoe courts, and a sitting area near the subway entrance. A large central open play area will serve for roller skating and softball.

Queens

8. PLAYGROUND AT 109 & BRINCKERHOFF AVENUES, 108 & UNION HALL STREETS, which is about 80% completed, lies adjacent to Public School #40. The new development to be operated jointly by the Department of Parks and the Board of Education for school and neighborhood play, will utilize the entire block acquired by condemnation.

When completed the playground will provide the following facilities: eight concrete surfaced handball courts, wading pool, brick comfort station, sand pit and sitting area, seesaws, slides and swings for pre-school and older children, a pipe frame exercise unit, two large open free play areas, three practice basketball standards, one basketball court with removable standards, two softball diamonds with hooded chain link backstops, three paddle tennis courts and three shuffleboard courts.

Gate controlled entrances will be readily accessible from the school building and the boundary walks.

9. PLAYGROUND AT ST. FELIX, SENECA, FOREST AND 75 AVENUES, adjacent to Public School #68 is about 90% completed and was opened in part in January of this year. It is operated during school hours by the Board of Education and at all other times by the Department of Parks.

The present development provides a softball diamond with hooded chain link backstop, combination volley ball and basket ball courts with removable standards, paddle tennis courts with removable nets and posts, shuffleboard courts, concrete surfaced handball courts, sand pit and sitting area, pipe frame exercise unit, seesaws, swings, brick comfort station and concrete wading pool.

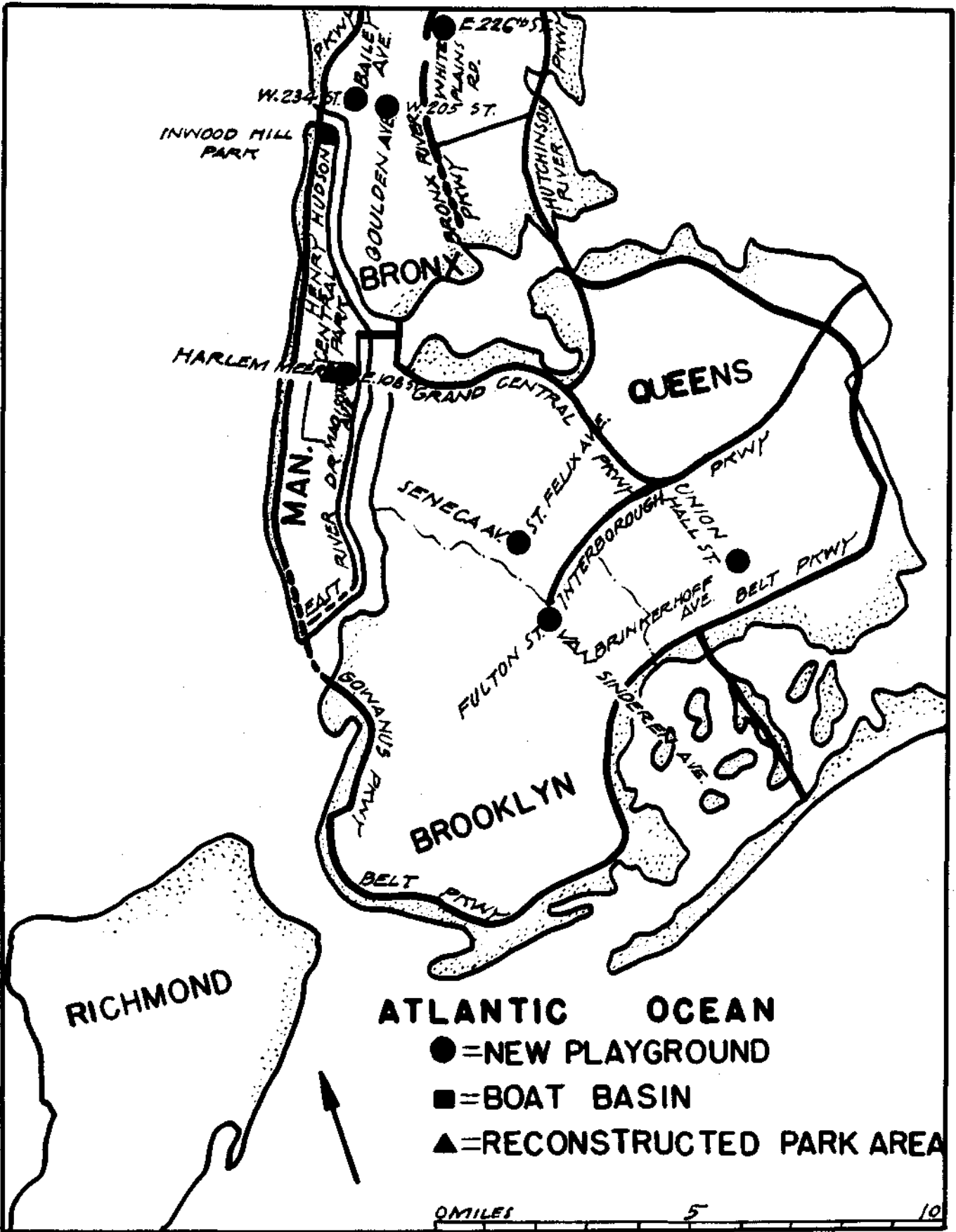
Under this contract one wing of the L-shaped bleachers will be built. It also includes drainage, irrigation, drinking fountains, park lighting, new

sidewalks, fencing, completion of the comfort station and other miscellaneous items.

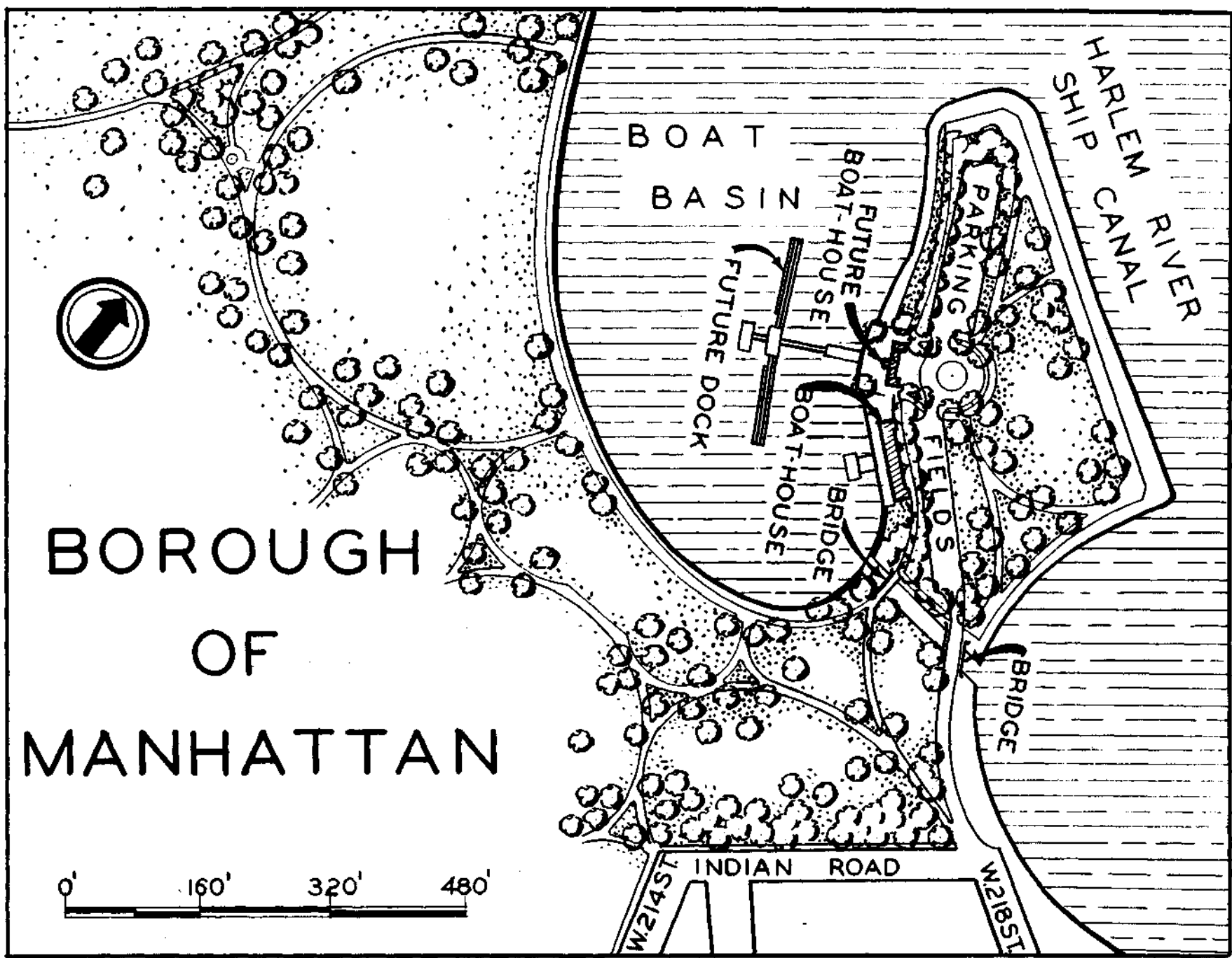
The three lowest bids for the completion of these nine park areas which are described above were submitted by the following contractors:

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| 1. Frank Mascali & Sons, Inc. 4634 Third Avenue, Bronx, New York | \$182,482.50 |
| 2. Balaban Gordon Company, Inc. 220 West 42 Street, New York City | 198,695.15 |
| 3. Flushing Asphalt 168-22 91st Avenue, Jamaica, New York | 222,446.25 |

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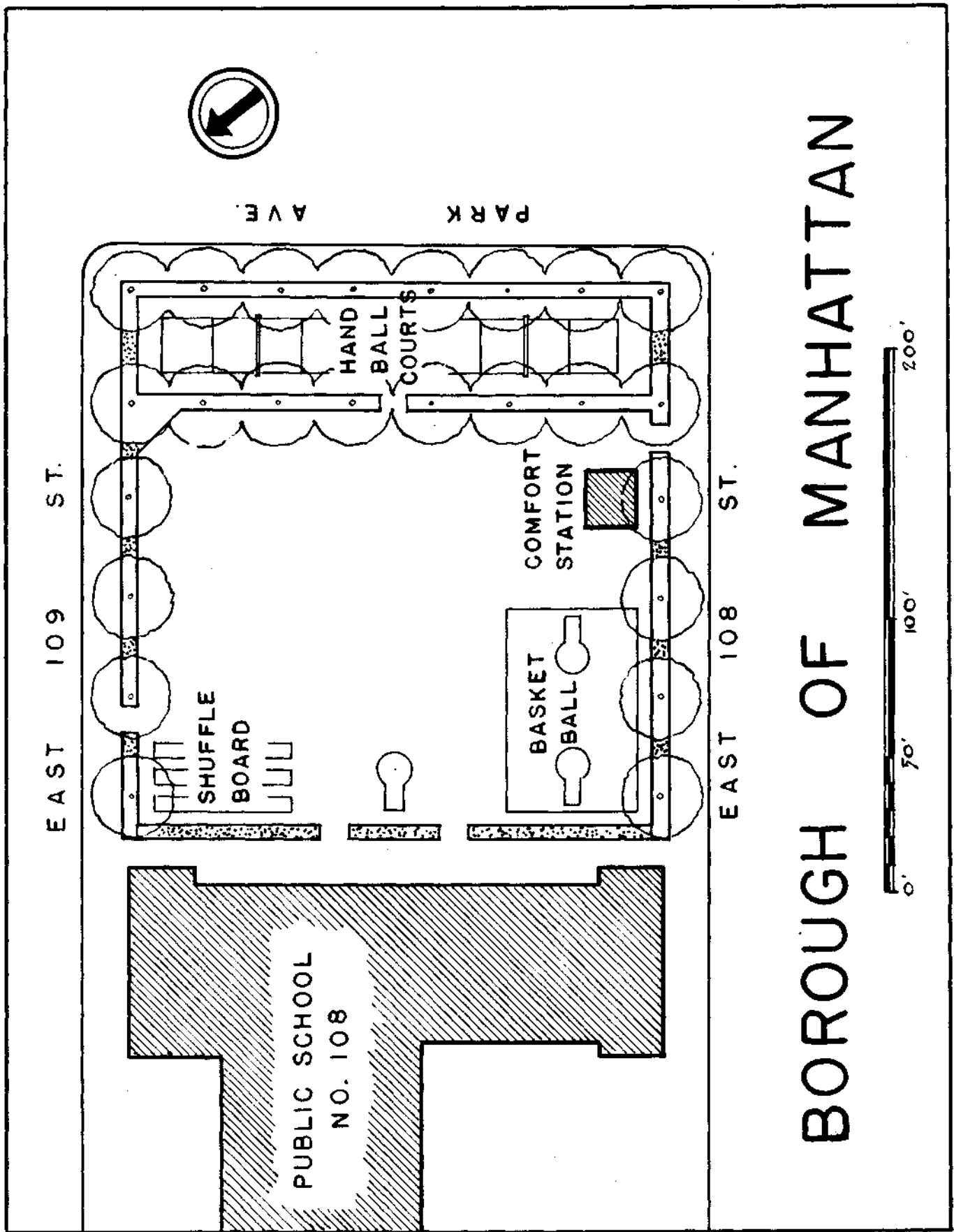
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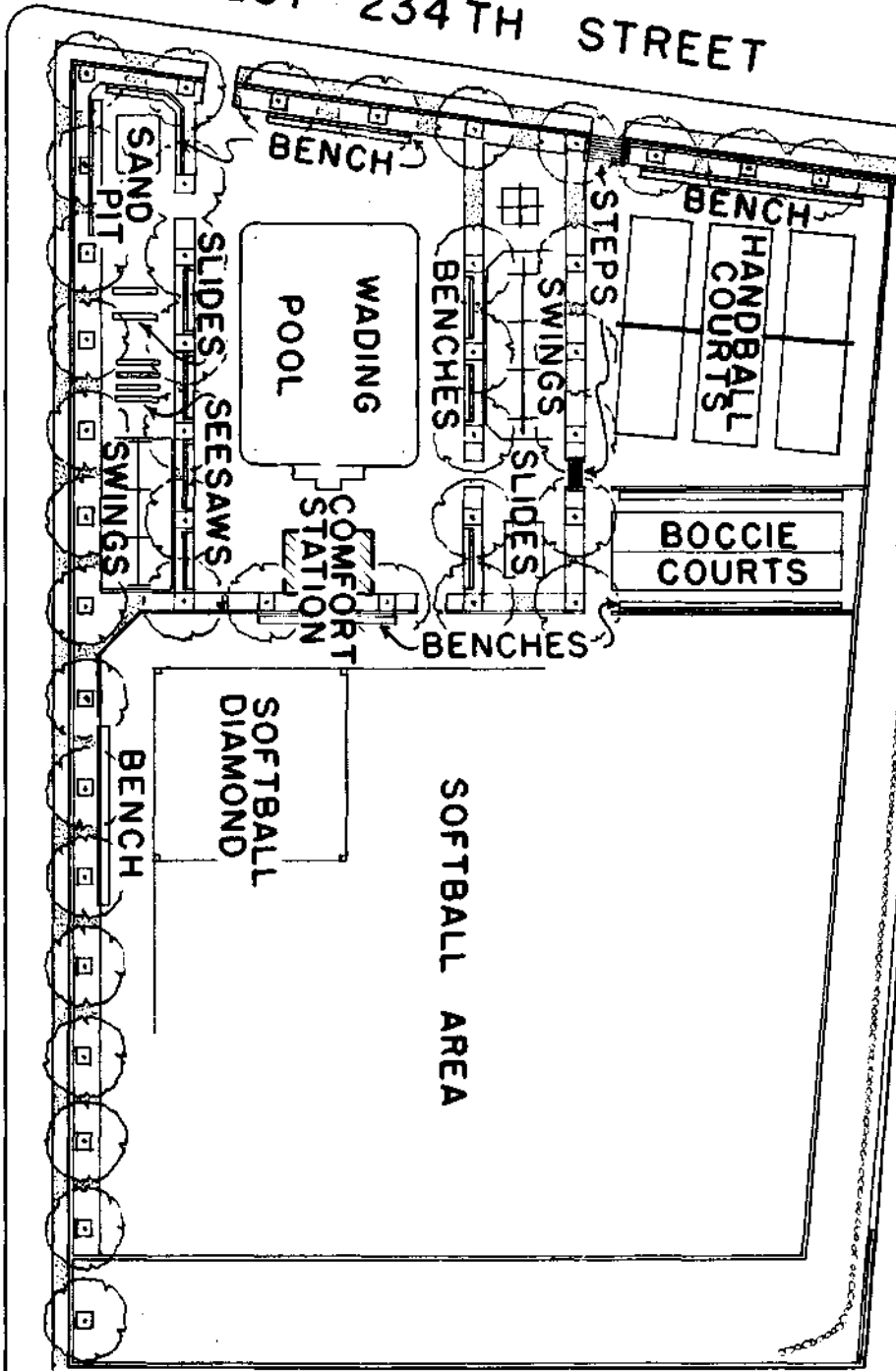


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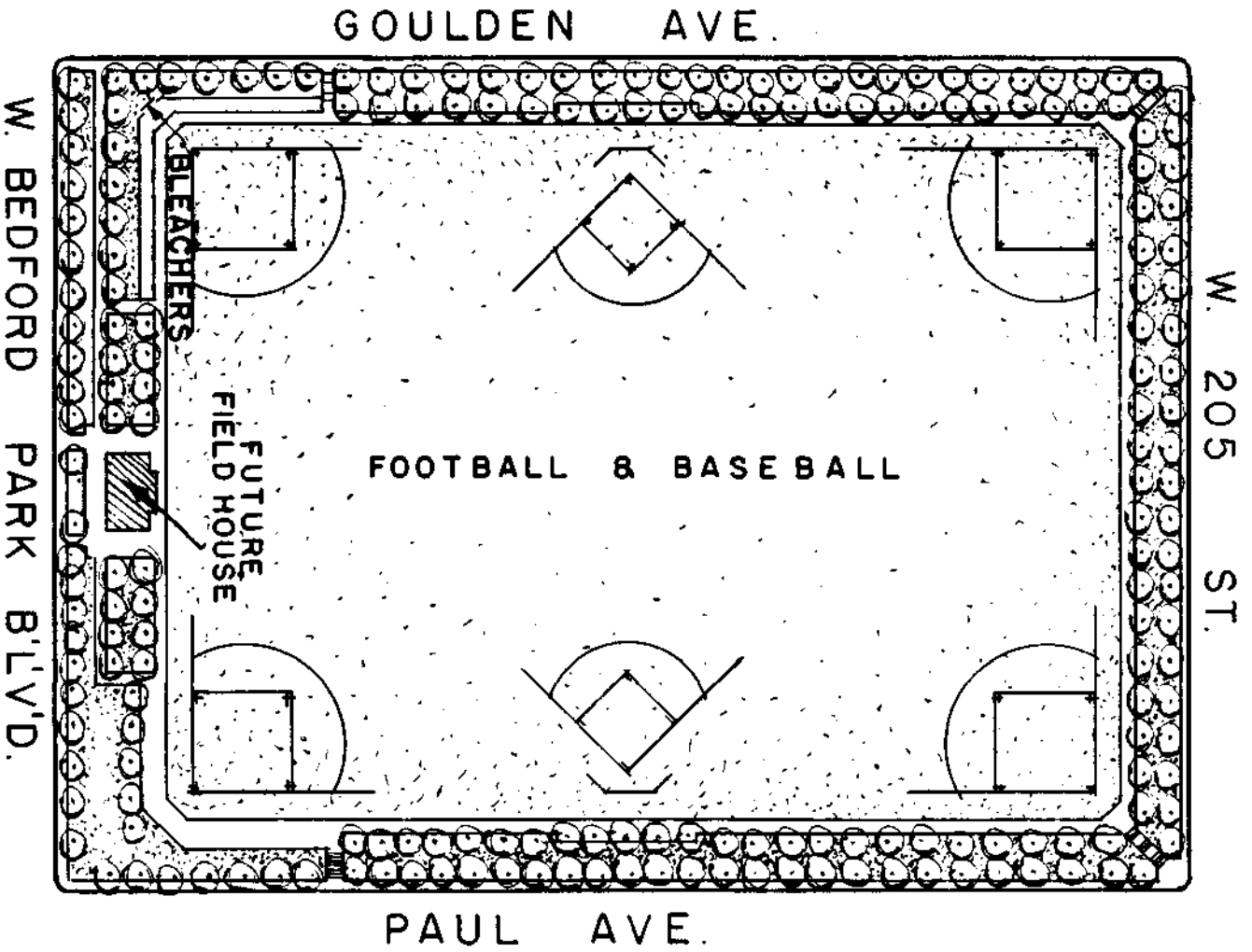
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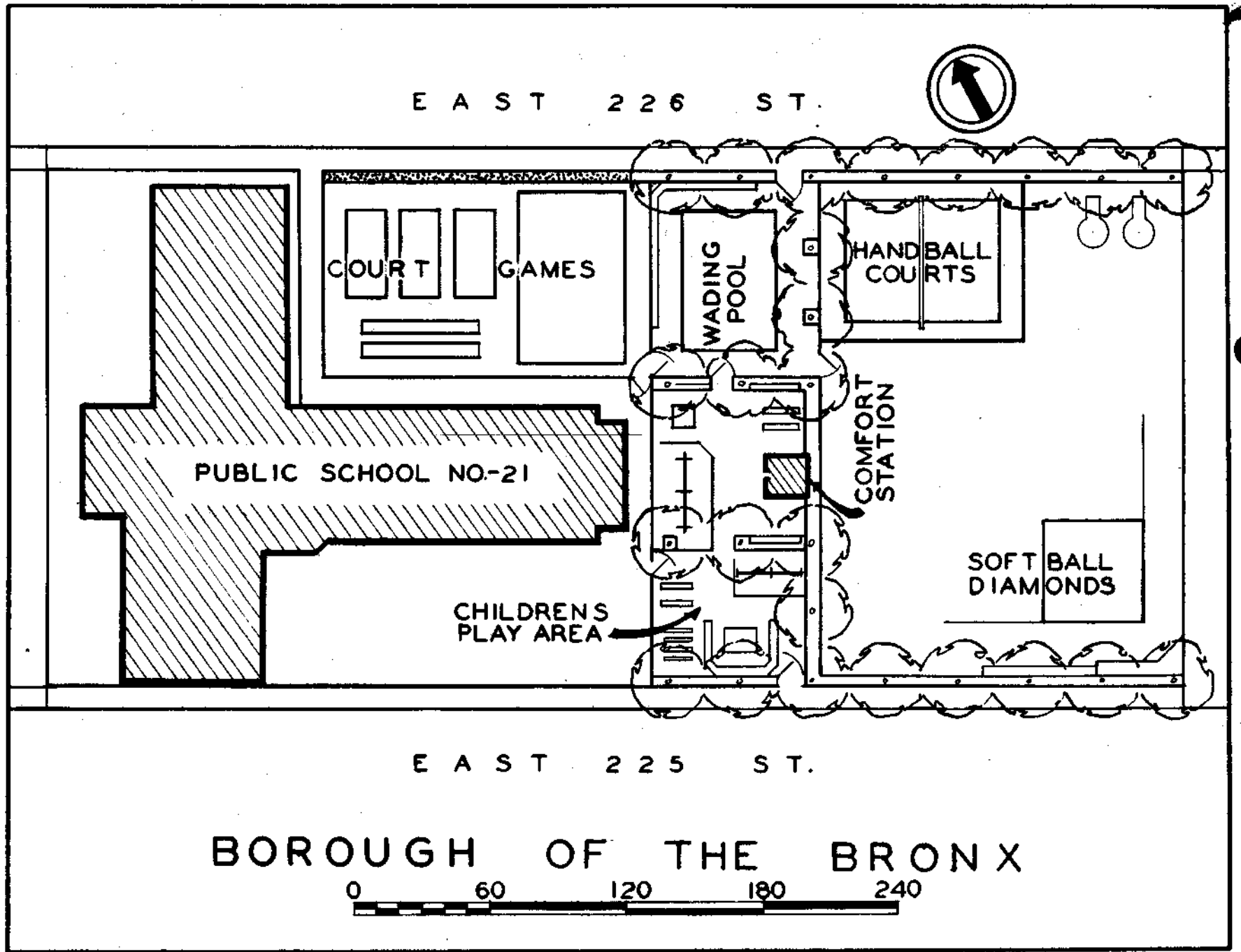
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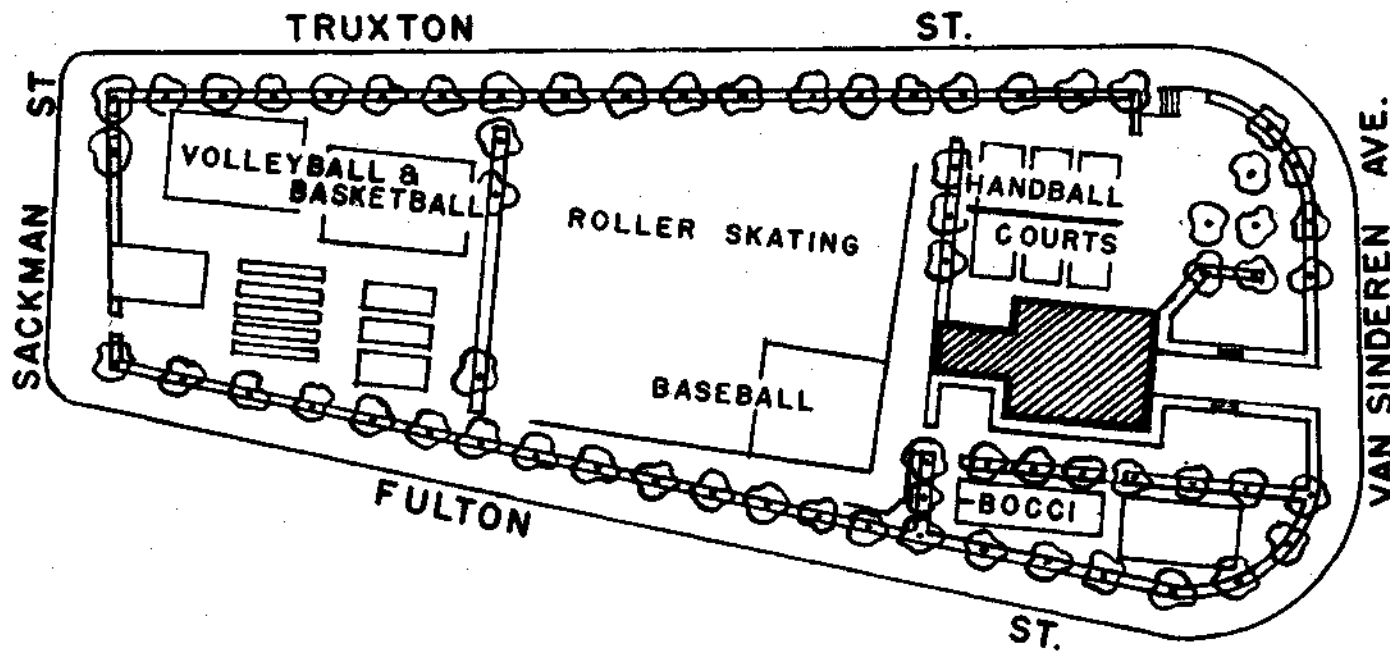
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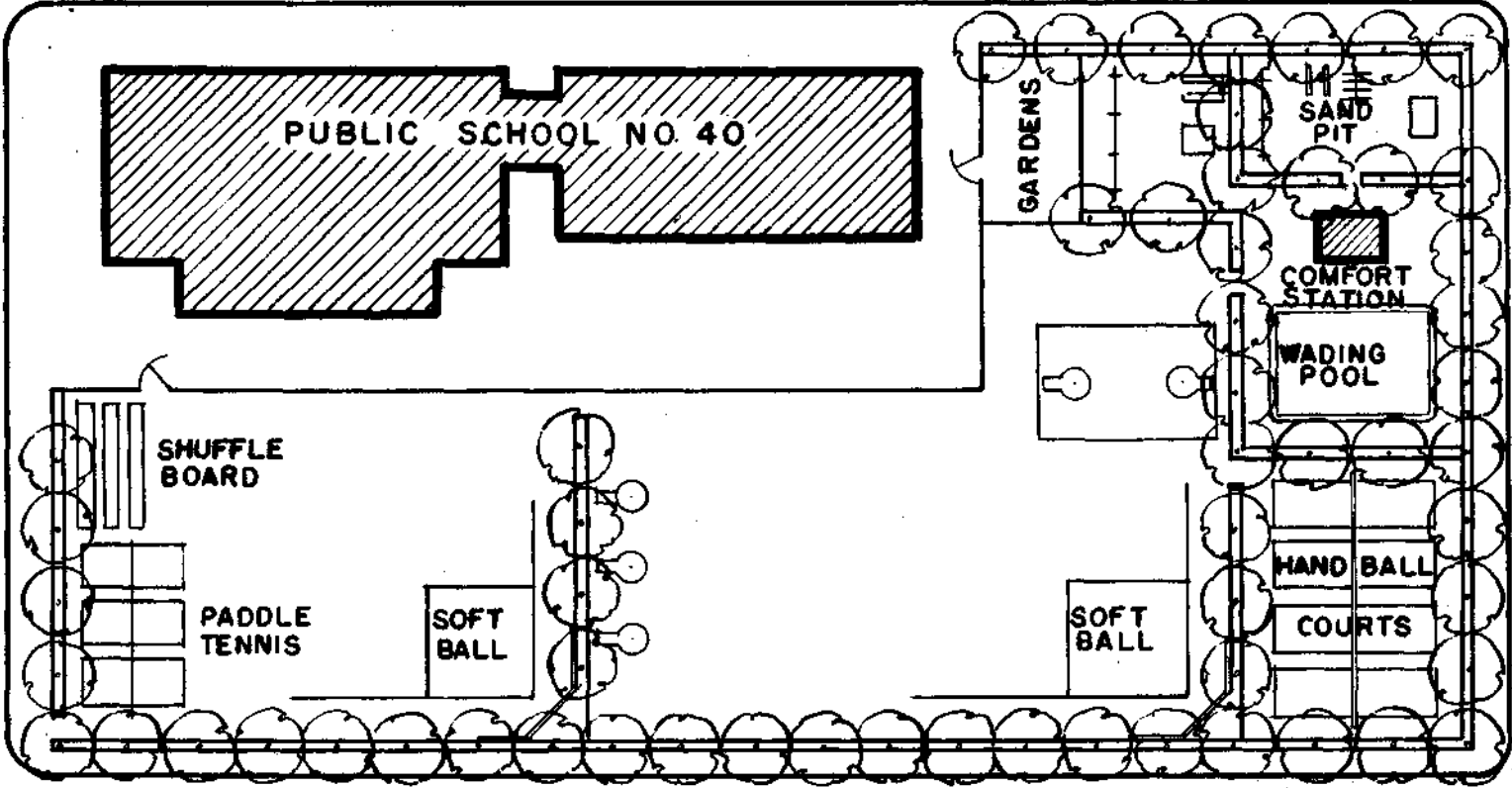
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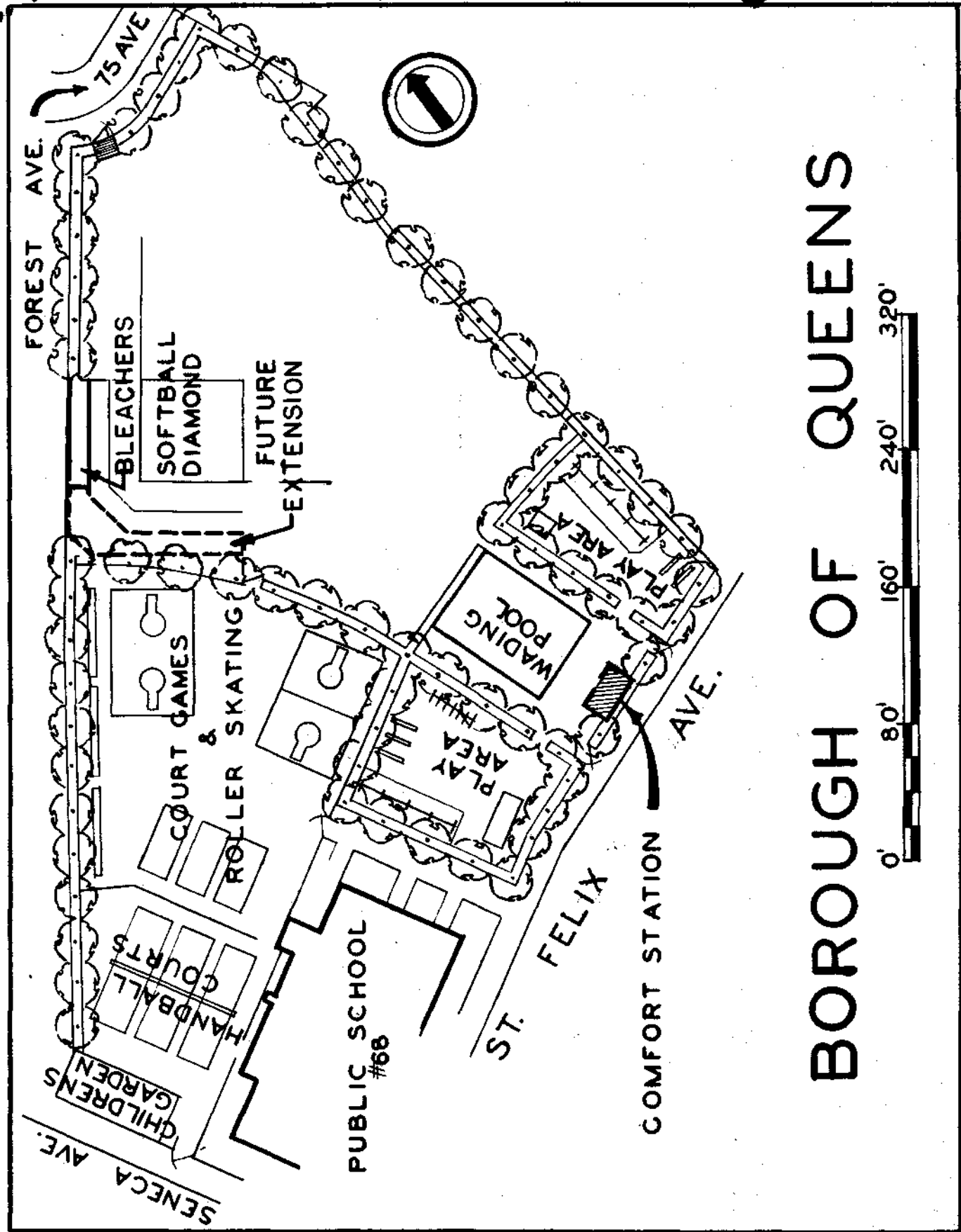


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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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FOR RELEASE TUESDAY
February 23, 1943

The Department of Parks announces the 500th performance of its Puppet and Marionette Show will be held at the Madison House, 226 Madison Street on February 24th at 3:30 p.m.

This troupe of puppeteers was organized and equipped by the Department of Parks. In the winter of 1940, a number of performances were given indoors as part of a Christmas program. The shows were so well attended and enthusiastically received by both children and adults, that the Department undertook to construct a trailer stage and all the scenes necessary for a repertoire of plays. This was completed in May 1941, and was immediately sent on a tour of the parks in the five boroughs. "Hansel and Gretel", "Jack and the Beanstalk" and "The Lonely Elm" were the plays enacted.

As part of the winter program, the marionettes were taken indoors. Nine thousand children, who would not have otherwise had an opportunity to see these plays, were entertained. The interest with which they are received can be best gauged by the number of requests for repeat performances.

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FOR RELEASE SUNDAY
February 21, 1943

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Mr. Henschel

The Department of Parks announces that a "Learn To Swim" campaign for men of the Merchant Marine will begin immediately at the indoor swimming pools under its jurisdiction. The importance of swimming for this branch of the service is universally recognized. The United Merchant Seamen's Service and the Seamen's Institute have indorsed this campaign as an important asset to the national effort. An appropriate poster indicating the locations of the Department of Park pools and the scheduled hours of operation and instruction, have been distributed to the various merchant marine agencies. All seamen are invited to attend. There will be no fee of any kind. Instructions in swimming will also be free.

Following are the locations and hours of instruction and operation:

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| 35 West 134th Street, Manhattan | Daily, 2 p.m. - 10 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. |
| 342 East 54th Street, Manhattan | Same as above |
| 232 West 60th Street, Manhattan | Same as above |
| Carmin & Varick Streets, Manhattan | Same as above |
| Baruch Pool, Rivington & Mangin Streets, Manhattan | Same as above |
| 5 Rutgers Place, Manhattan | Daily, 3 p.m. - 10 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. |
| 407 West 28th Street, Manhattan | Monday, 3 p.m. - 10 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 3 p.m. - 6 p.m. & 7:30 p.m. - 10 p.m. Saturday, 12 noon - 6 p.m. |

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W. Healy
FOR RELEASE Monday,
February 15, 1943

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SERVICE FLAGS, HONOR ROLLS AND MEMORIALS

Service flags and honor rolls are cropping up all over the city, and all sorts of war memorials, temporary and permanent, are being proposed. These patriotic and generous recognitions of war service represent a perfectly natural and commendable enthusiasm on the part of the sponsoring neighborhood groups. The disposition on the part of most public officials is to go along with these plans no matter how impractical they are. Such an attitude, however, does nothing in the long run either for the neighborhood or for those it seeks to honor.

First, as to service flags, most of them are unable to withstand weather conditions and are soon torn and unattractive. Some of them have already been removed and others are furled and tied up. They can, however, be replaced, and if the neighborhood groups are willing to purchase service flags, they will always look reasonably attractive.

Second, as to temporary honor rolls usually including the names of local young men in the armed service, the Park Department has had to deny requests to place such memorials on park land. They accumulate dust and dirt quickly and get out of repair and must be cleaned, repainted and repaired at frequent intervals to remain attractive. It is a regrettable fact also that they are subject to vandalism. There is nothing to be said for such temporary memorials, in the light of city conditions which must be faced.

Third, as to permanent memorials, construction must be postponed until the war is over because materials are not available. The Park Department and Art Commission will be happy to co-operate with neighborhood

and other groups who have such memorials in mind. In this connection it is worth remembering that there were more than five hundred war memorials in the city before World War II began. Many of them were poorly designed and constructed, some were grotesque, some were placed in locations where they were peculiarly subject to vandalism and natural deterioration. We have attempted to restore these memorials and have made considerable progress in this direction, although quite a few of them would have been abandoned if it had not been for sentiment.

We have an opportunity now to avoid the mistakes of the past and to plan these permanent memorials intelligently.

Fourth, there is a type of war memorial which can be established now and need not wait until the war is over. This is the memorial which consists of purchasing and planting living trees. Recently, fifteen such trees were planted in one block on Ryerson Street, Brooklyn, to honor local young men in the army, navy and marine corps. Another group in Brooklyn is planning to do the same thing. Such a memorial constitutes a simple, dignified and lasting manifestation of respect. Many other streets and communities could be improved in this way and such memorial street trees will become an asset to abutting property. Trees can also be planted on a number of triangles available for the purpose. The Park Department will be happy to co-operate with groups who have such a memorial in mind.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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FOR RELEASE Sunday,
February 14, 1943

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The Department of Parks announces that demonstrations of the recreational activities conducted at its various gymnasium centers and indoor pools will take place during the period of Monday, February 15, to Saturday, February 27, according to the following schedule:

| <u>Manhattan</u> | <u>Exhibition Dates</u> |
|---|-----------------------------|
| Gymnasium at Cherry & Oliver Streets | Mon., Feb. 15 - 7:30 P.M. |
| Carmine Street Gymnasium & Pool, Clarkson St. & 7th Avenue | Friday, Feb. 19 - 7:30 P.M. |
| West 28 Street Gymnasium & Pool, 407 West 28 Street | Thurs., Feb. 25 - 7:30 P.M. |
| East 54 Street Gymnasium & Pool, 342 East 54 Street | Friday, Feb. 26 - 7:30 P.M. |
| West 134 Street Gymnasium & Pool, 35 West 134 Street | Sat., Feb. 27 - 7:30 P.M. |
| <u>Brooklyn</u> | |
| President Street Gymnasium, President Street & 4th Avenue | Friday, Feb. 26 - 7:30 P.M. |

All age groups will participate in these demonstrations and the programs will include games in ping pong, table tennis, badminton, basketball, handball, volley ball and group games.

The gymnastic exhibitions will embrace a variety of stunts on heavy apparatus as well as demonstrations and drills with light apparatus. Tumbling and weight-lifting will also form part of the scheduled activities.

Pool shows will be held on the same evening at the pools listed in the schedule, and they will include short and long distance races in various styles, relays, and exhibitions in diving, life saving and first aid.

Admission to these modern and well equipped gymnasias and indoor pools is free at all times and the public is invited to attend these performances.

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MR. HEAS

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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FOR RELEASE

MONDAY

February 8, 1943

The Municipal Lifeguard Training Course sponsored by the Park Department and designed to cope with the growing shortage of manpower presents an opportunity for young men not alone to secure profitable, pleasant summer positions, but also to perform an important civic duty.

Most of the outstanding high school athletes have already passed the qualifying swim test and have been enrolled in the course. These tests are held daily at the 54th Street Indoor Pool located at 54th Street between First and Second Avenues, Manhattan. Applicants are scheduled for tests at different hours during the day and are able, therefore, to qualify without loss of time.

Because of the increasing interest shown in the course, the Department of Parks found it necessary to extend the closing date for application and qualification to Saturday, February 20, 1943.

Many young men have applied to the Park Department authorities for permission to take the course because of the help the training will give them when they are called to the colors.

Prospective candidates should apply at the headquarters of the Park Department, Arsenal Building, 64th Street and 5th Avenue, Manhattan, Regent 4-1000, for further information and application blanks.

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W. H. ...
FOR RELEASE Wednesday,
February 3, 1943

The Park Department offers to school vacationists and others an opportunity to attend a roller skating show at the New York City Building, Flushing Meadow Park, Wednesday evening, February 3, at 8 P.M.

The cast of the roller revue will consist of a group of top-notch skaters. The show itself will follow the traditional pattern of stage revues and include such specialty numbers as spinning, barrel jumping, spiralling, and other individual roller skating stunts. There will be free-style skating together with costume and obstacle racing. As a finale, the entire cast of 80 performers in costume will present a ballet culminating in V for Victory.

The New York City Building at Flushing Meadow Park can be reached by the Flushing branch of the IRT or BMT subways, to the 111th Street station; there is a short walk to the building. It can also be reached by taking the Independent Subway to Grand Avenue Station and then take the Flushing-Ridgewood Trolley to Horace Harding Boulevard and Grand Central Parkway, or take the Flushing-Ridgewood Trolley to Horace Harding Boulevard and Grand Central Parkway.

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W. Headly

For Release Wednesday,
February 3, 1943

*Delivered
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I have been asked by several people to comment on the proposed change in the Zoning Resolution, Section 21-C, which was Calendar No. 45 at the Planning Commission meeting of January 27th. At my request, the hearing on this matter was continued until February 10th because I was convinced that the public didn't realize the importance of this proposed change.

The following is the proposed resolution. Portions proposed to be dropped are in brackets (), and new material is underlined:

ARTICLE V.--GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE

§ 21-C. SITE PLANS FOR LARGE (RESIDENTIAL) DEVELOPMENTS.

Upon presentation to the Board of Standards and Appeals of a site plan showing the location of (dwellings) buildings and open spaces on an area not less than 75,000 square feet in extent, the Board, after public notice and hearing and after a favorable report from the City Planning Commission, may grant a variance from the use, height and area provisions of this resolution; provided that the ratio of the floor area of the building or buildings to the area of the lot does not exceed that permitted by this resolution; and further provided that the Board is satisfied that the provision of light and air is in all respects adequate to the special circumstances of the particular case and at least equivalent to the requirements of this resolution; and further provided that the minimum distance between any two buildings is not less than 6 inches per foot of height and in no case less than 20 feet.

The section as it exists today permits the owner of a piece of property containing 75,000 square feet or more to present to the Board of Standards and Appeals site plans showing the locations of dwellings. After a public hearing by the Board of Standards and Appeals and after a favorable report from the City Planning Commission, the Board of Standards and Appeals can grant exceptions from the established Use, Area and Height zoning. The reason this section was enacted originally was to permit the developers of a large tract, such as the Parkchester development in the Bronx, to include stores required to serve the community as a part of the plan, and to eliminate the necessity for following the usual procedure of changing the zoning maps. In these cases, the non-conforming use would be a minor part of the whole development and the major part of the use would be residential.

In the new proposal, by substituting the word "buildings" for "dwellings", the whole meaning of the resolution is changed.

If such a resolution is passed by the Planning Commission and approved by the Board of Estimate, it will be possible for the owner of a parcel as small as a half block in the middle of a residential community to go to the Board of Standards and Appeals and the Planning Commission and, after a public hearing before that Board, obtain approval of the construction of a factory, rendering plant, slaughter house, or any other objectionable use. This could be done in spite of the fact that the area was zoned for residential use.

Such power should not be given to the Board of Standards and Appeals nor to the Planning Commission. The responsibility for such major changes must continue to rest in the Board of Estimate, with the elected officials of the city. One of the duties of the Board of Standards and Appeals is to grant necessary exceptions from the zoning ordinance, not to make major, broad changes in the established zones throughout the city.

The proponents of this amendment argue that this will permit more rigid control of projected developments. The danger lies in the fact that it will also permit a serious breakdown in what is now a fairly rigid resolution. It is conceivable that there will be times in the future, as there have been in the past, when there will be corrupt officials who would love to take advantage of the opportunity offered by this proposed change.

Home owners who have established residences in areas restricted to residential use look to the elected officials of the city, sitting as the Board of Estimate, to protect them from undesirable encroachments. If a major change is proposed, especially in the Use district, it should continue to go through the established procedure for zone changes, that is, the Planning Commission and then to the Board of Estimate. In this way, it is given a complete airing and the property owner is given an adequate opportunity to protect his interests. This resolution eliminates the Board of Estimate altogether and should be defeated.

I urge that those interested appear before the Planning Commission on February 10th at 2:30 P.M. in City Hall to voice their opposition.

ROBERT MOSES

Commissioner of Parks.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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For Release Monday,
 January 25, 1943

Sent: 1/23/43
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In order to forestall anticipated difficulties in securing young men eligible to assume positions as lifeguards at the New York City pools and beaches for the coming summer, the Park Department has instituted a Municipal Lifeguard Training Course.

This course, scheduled to begin on February 19, 1943, will consist of ten weeks of intensive training leading to qualification for employment as lifeguards at the New York City pools and beaches. Classes will be held at the indoor pools of the Park Department.

In addition to qualifying young men as lifeguards, the course should be of great value as pre-induction training.

Applications are now being accepted from male citizens who will have reached their seventeenth birthday by July 1, 1943, or persons 18 or over who, for reasons of selective service deferment, can accept summer positions.

The instructors are employees of the Park Department who have had many years of lifeguard work at both beaches and pools. The course of study will consist of the Standard American Red Cross Senior Lifeguard Course plus resuscitation and inhalator operation, beach and pool control, use and care of lifesaving equipment, and surf technique.

The Park Department will circularize metropolitan colleges, high schools, private schools, the YMCA, YMHA, and swimming clubs in order to enroll as many as possible for the course.

All candidates will receive a thorough medical examination before they are permitted to participate in the course. Only those physically qualified will be accepted.

The department has received assurances of cooperation from the American Red Cross, the Civil Service Commission, and the Board of Education. Applications can be secured from any of these agencies or directly from the Department of Parks, Arsenal Building, Central Park, 64th Street and 5th Avenue, New York City.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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FOR RELEASE Saturday
January 23, 1943

The Department of Parks announces that a City-wide ice carnival will be held on Sunday, January 24, at 2:00 P.M. at the 59 Street Lake, Central Park.

Eliminations have been held in each of the five boroughs. The first four winners of each of the following ice-skating events will be eligible to compete in the finals on Sunday.

| | | <u>Boys</u> | <u>Girls</u> |
|--------------|-------------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| Juvenile | 9 - 11 years | 75 yds. | 75 yds. |
| Junior | 12 - 14 years | 220 yds. | 100 yds. |
| Intermediate | 15 - 17 years | 440 yds. | 220 yds. |
| Senior | Unlimited over 17 years | 220 yds. & 1 mile | 440 yds. |

In addition there will be a special feature event for figure skaters.

Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place winners in each event.

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ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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FOR RELEASE Thursday,
January 21, 1943

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The Department of Parks announces a series of 14 boxing bouts to be held at the East 54 Street Gymnasium, Manhattan, on Thursday, January 21, at 8:00 P.M.

All the boxers, who will take part in these bouts, have trained at Park Department boxing centers, under the supervision of Park personnel.

There will be representatives from the 85 pound class through the middleweight division. Competitors range in age from 15 to 17½ years.

Judges for these exhibitions are: Fred Delaney of the Flushing Y.M.C.A. and Harold Glasco, Michael O'Connell, Jack Kalmbach and James O'Donnell of the Department of Parks.

Prizes will be awarded to the winner of each bout.

The Park Department extends a cordial invitation to the public for this occasion. Admission is free.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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FOR RELEASE Monday,
January 14, 1943

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The Department of Parks announces that Paerdegat Park, a new park and playground, slightly over three and a half acres in extent occupying the entire block bounded by Albany Avenue, Foster Avenue, East 40 Street and Farragut Road, Brooklyn, is open to the public. It provides active and passive recreation for all age groups. It was purchased from the New York Water Service Corporation in 1941 for recreational use and placed under the jurisdiction of the Department of Parks. The entire playground is enclosed with chain link fence with five entrances conveniently located.

An existing grove of 18" to 20" caliper Oak trees has been preserved in a fence enclosed grass plot at the north end of the park. Centrally located is a brick comfort station and wading pool with a variety of fence protected play apparatus units. Bordering these facilities is an adjacent court games area which includes three shuffleboard and two handball courts.

The south end of the park contains two bituminous surfaced softball diamonds with hooded backstops. The existing concrete boundary walks have been widened and bordered with a double row of Pin Oaks in concrete block paved panels. Several varieties of shrubs have been grouped for screening purposes around the grass surfaced Oak grove.

The construction of the playground was done by the Work Projects Administration from plans prepared by the Department of Parks. In 1934 there were 119 playgrounds in the park system, 66 of which have been reconstructed. There are now with this addition 487 playgrounds in the park system.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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FOR RELEASE Thursday,
January 14, 1943

The Department of Parks announces the gift to the City of a new recreation area in St. Albans, Queens.

The Federal Government recently acquired the old St. Albans Golf Course for a naval hospital and has given to the City approximately 3-7/10 acres of land at the intersection of Baisley Boulevard and Merrick Road for a new park and playground. It has also deeded 1-1/2 acres of land needed for a 15-foot widening of Baisley Boulevard along the hospital frontage and for the opening to its full width of 115th Avenue from 175th Street to 179th Street.

The Board of Estimate and the City Planning Commission agreed to remove from the City map a number of proposed streets through the property in order to facilitate the development of the hospital as one large unit. The widening of the bounding streets is necessary in order to compensate for the removal of these streets and to provide for a normal increase in through traffic as the outlying sections of Queens become more densely populated.

The playground will be developed largely for active recreation and will contain play apparatus for both pre-school and school age children, as well as court games for adults and two softball fields.

The improvement of this playground will be carried out as part of the New York City post-war program.

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Mr. H
FOR RELEASE Monday,
January 11, 1943

The Department of Parks announces the opening of a new playground in Queens adjacent to Public School #68 located in the area bounded by Seneca Avenue, St. Felix Avenue, 60th Place and the Manhattan Division of the Long Island Railroad. This irregular shaped plot was assembled by the condemnation of two parcels north of the school building on each side of 60th Street which has been closed and transferred to the Department of Parks. These three properties totaling 3 acres together with the existing one half acre playground west of the school permitted the development of an adequate neighborhood playground. It will be operated during school hours by the Board of Education and at all other times by the Department of Parks.

The new playground consisting of three fence enclosed, subdivided sections contains a softball diamond with hooded chain link backstop, combination volleyball and basketball courts with removable standards, paddle tennis courts with removable nets and posts, shuffleboard courts, concrete surfaced handball courts, irrigated sand pit and sitting area, pipe frame exercise unit, seesaws, slides, swings, brick comfort station and a concrete wading pool.

The entire development as well as the separate units is bordered with chain link fence and a five foot wide panel of blocks containing benches and trees. The project also includes drainage, irrigation, drinking fountains, park lighting, fencing and a new concrete sidewalk along the north side of St. Felix Avenue.

The construction of the playground was done by the Work Projects Administration from plans prepared by the Department of Parks. In 1934 there were 119 playgrounds in the five boroughs, 66 of which have been reconstructed. There are now with this new addition 486 playgrounds in the park system.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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FOR RELEASE Sunday,
January 10, 1943

The Department of Parks Children's Marionette and Magic Shows continue to interest thousands of New York City's children. The Christmas program of this troupe was well attended and so successful that numerous requests for repeat performances have been received. Consideration was given to these in the new schedule.

Twenty-eight additional performances of "Hansel and Gretel" and "Jack and the Beanstalk" will be given at various public centers and parks throughout the City beginning Monday, January 11, at 3:30 P.M. and running through Thursday, February 11, in accordance with the attached schedule.

CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

MARIONETTE AND MAGIC SHOWS
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MANHATTAN:

Monday, January 11 - 3:30 P.M. - East Side House, 340 East 76th St.
 Tuesday, January 12 - 3:30 P.M. - Chelsea Health Center, 303 Ninth Ave.
 Wednesday, January 13 - 2:30 P.M. - N.Y. Foundling Hospital, 175 E. 68th St.
 Thursday, January 14 - 3:30 P.M. - Madison Square Boys Club, 301 E. 29th St.
 Friday, January 15 - 3:30 P.M. - Harlem Children's Center, 28 W. 134th St.
 Saturday, January 16 - 11:00 A.M. - Carmine Street Gym, Carmine St. & 7th St.
 " " " - 2:30 P.M. - " " " " " "

BRONX:

Monday, January 18 - 3:30 P.M. - Children's Society (SPCC) 1130 Grand Concourse.
 Tuesday, January 19 - 10:00 A.M. - P. S. #65, Cypress Ave. & 141st St.
 Wednesday, January 20 - 10:00 A.M. - P. S. #38, St. Ann's Ave. and Rae Street, 154th Street.
 Thursday, January 21 - 3:30 P.M. - Mt. Eden Center, 1660 Morris Ave.
 Friday, January 22 - 3:30 P.M. - Bronx House, 1637 Washington Ave.
 Saturday, January 23 - 11:00 A.M. - James J. Lyons Playground, Aldus St., Bryant and Whitlock Aves.
 " " " - 2:30 P.M. - " " " " " "

QUEENS:

Monday, January 25 - 3:30 P.M. - Convalescent Home for Hebrew Children 110-66 Ocean Promenade (Rockaway Park)
 Tuesday, January 26 - 3:30 P.M. - Queens General Hospital - Children's Ward, 161st St. & 82nd Drive, Jamaica.
 Wednesday, January 27 - 3:30 P.M. - Ottilie Orphan Home of New York, 144-25 - 87th Ave., Jamaica.
 Thursday, January 28 - 3:30 P.M. - South Jamaica Housing, 108th Ave., 159th Street, South Jamaica.
 Friday, January 29 - 3:30 P.M. - Child Service League, 136-60 - 38th Avenue, Flushing.
 Saturday, January 30 - 11:00 A.M. - Queensbridge housing, 10-06 - 41st Ave. Long Island City.
 " " " - 2:30 P.M. - " " " " " "

BROOKLYN:

Monday, February 1 - 3:30 P.M. - Convent of Mercy Orphans, 273 Willoughby Avenue.
 Tuesday, February 2 - 3:30 P.M. - St. John's Home for Boys, 992 St. Marks Avenue
 Wednesday, February 3 - 3:30 P.M. - Angel Guardian Home, 12th Ave. & 64th St.
 Thursday, February 4 - 3:30 P.M. - Hebrew Educational Society, 564 Hopkinson Avenue.
 Friday, February 5 - 3:30 P.M. - Boys Club, Navy Yard District, 176 Nassau Street.
 Saturday, February 6 - 11:00 A.M. - Flatbush Boys Club, 2245 Bedford Ave.
 " " " - 2:30 P.M. - Hudson Ave. Boys Club, 377 Hudson Ave.

RICHMOND:

Tuesday, February 9 - 3:30 P.M. - Walker Park, Bard & Davis Aves. Livingston.
 Wednesday, February 10 - 3:30 P.M. - Jewish Community Center, 175 Victory Boulevard. Tompkinsville.
 Thursday, February 11 - 3:30 P.M. - Goodhue Community Center, 298 Prospect Ave., New Brighton

July - December 1943

68. 7/1 Three gorillas arrive from Africa
69. 7/3 Second of Naumburg concert series held
70. 7/6 Puppet and marionette schedule
71. 7/6 Barber Shop Quartet Ninth Ballad Contest scheduled
72. 7/9 Men's tennis singles borough championship scheduled
73. 7/10 Golf tournament planned
74. 7/14 Swimming meet trials
75. 7/16 Golf and tennis matches
76. 7/17 Mr. Moses's comments as O.P.A. lifts restrictions on vacation travel
77. 7/18 Six more name bands added to concert and dance program
78. 7/19 Second concert of Music in Wartime series
79. 7/21 Fallow deer born in Prospect Park
80. 7/25 Third concert of Music in Wartime series
81. 7/30 City-wide finals in Municipal Tennis Championships
82. 7/30 Third concert in Naumburg Memorial series performed
83. 8/3 National Orchestral Association performs fourth concert
84. 8/4 Additional surf casting areas designated
85. 8/4 Rebuttal to city council's claim that Harlem riot was caused by inadequate parks
86. 8/7 City-wide finals in golf championships
87. 8/10 Final concerts sponsored by League of Composers scheduled
88. 8/11 Eight additional orchestras added to summer concert and dance program
89. 8/14 Buffalo and Asiatic deer born in Prospect Park
90. 8/14 Semifinals of tennis tournament
91. 8/16 Finals of swimming tournament date set
92. 8/17 Baby llama born in Central Park
93. 8/18 New playground completed at 234th St., and Bailey Ave., Bronx (2 pp)
94. 8/18 Advice on eliminating caterpillars
95. 8/20 Twenty eighth Annual Dance Festival scheduled
96. 8/20 City-wide finals in horseshoe pitching
97. 8/22 Seven additional orchestras scheduled in summer concert and dance program
98. 8/24 City-wide military and novice events in the Park Association of New York City Fourth Annual Sports Tournament
99. 8/26 Jacks contest for girls
100. 8/27 Checkers contest
100. 8/29 Harvest dance contest for novices
102. 9/2 Robert Moses's reply to A.P. report of survey for Kaiser's

- post war public works for the City of Portland Oregon.
103. 9/5 Fourth and final Naumburg Memorial concert held
 104. 9/5 Dance schedule by Con Edison orchestra
 105. 9/19 Finals of second Harvest Dance Contest scheduled
 106. 9/22 Fall crops from children's gardens harvested
 107. 9/23 Columbia University band concert
 108. 9/26 New playground at 225th St. and White Plains Rd., Bronx (maps attached)
 109. 10/2 Ice and roller rinks to open in Queens
 110. 10/8 Enrollment in New York Foundation Fall Sports Tournament
 111. 10/10 Magic and music program scheduled
 112. 10/15 Three lion cubs born in Brooklyn
 113. 10/19 Tavern on the Green newly renovated, reopens
 114. 10/22 Borough finals in New York Fall Sports Foundation Tournament
 115. 10/22 Mrs Albert Lasker donates two million chrysanthemums in memory of her mother, Sara Woodard
 - 115a 10/22 *Two holes-in-one made on Bronx golf course*
 116. 10/30 Tennis courts close for the season
 117. 10/30 City-wide handball finals in N.Y.F. Fall Sports Tournament
 118. 11/5 City-wide volley ball finals in N.Y.F. Fall Sports Tournament
 119. 11/5 Indoor chrysanthemum show in Brooklyn
 120. 11/18 ~~120~~ New playground planned in Harlem
 120. 11/13 Borough finals in N.Y.F. Fall Sports Tournament in roller hockey to be held
 122. 11/27 Municipal golf courses close for the season
 123. 12/3 Boxing program scheduled
 124. 12/3 City finals in N.Y.F. Fall Sports Tournament of roller hockey
 125. 12/8 Harlem Meer reopens
 126. 12/12 Christmas program features puppet and marionette shows
 127. 12/13 Press release regarding American City magazine article
 128. 12/17 Christmas tree lighting schedule
 - 128a 12/18 *City-wide finals in N.Y.F. Fall Sports Tournament of Touch Football*
 129. 12/20 N.Y. Community Trust sponsors Winter Sports Tournament
 130. 12/20 New playground in Queens
 131. 12/27 Awards presented in N.Y.F. Fall Sports Tournament

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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FOR RELEASE

Monday,
December 27, 1943

The Department of Parks announces that presentation of awards to the winners of the New York Foundation Fall Sports Tournament will take place at the New York City Center of Music and Drama, 130 West 56 Street, Manhattan, on Tuesday, December 28, at 2:30 P.M.

The awards will consist of \$10.00 in War Stamps to all the city-wide winners, and \$5.00 to the runners-up. A short program of musical selections, magic acts and gymnastic stunts will be presented by the children of the park playgrounds.

This Fall Sports Tournament made possible by the New York Foundation through the good offices of the Park Association of New York City, Inc., embraces volleyball, handball, roller hockey, touch football and roller skating carnivals. Contests began September 21 and terminated on December 19. 9,986 boys and girls, 12-18 years of age took part in these activities before a total spectator audience of 51,550.

The invited guests include Mrs. Arthur Hays Sulzberger, President of the Park Association of New York City, Inc., and David Heymen, President of the New York Foundation.

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Monday
December 20, 1943DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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The Department of Parks announces the opening of a new playground at Brinckerhoff Avenue and Union Hall Street, Queens.

This is one of nine park projects left unfinished by the W.P.A. which has been completed by contract.

The new playground is adjacent to Public School #40. It is one of many neighborhood playgrounds which will be built under a program of joint operation agreed upon by the Board of Education and the Department of Parks.

The new development will be operated jointly by these departments for school and neighborhood play. The playground has an area of 3.2 acres and contains the following facilities; eight concrete surface handball courts, wading pool, sand pit and sitting area; seesaws, slides and swings for pre-school and older children, a pipe frame exercise unit, two large open free-play areas, three practice basketball standards, one basketball court with removable standards, two softball diamonds with hooded chain link backstops, three padle tennis courts and three shuffle board courts.

Gate controlled entrances are readily accessible from the school building and the boundary walks.

A brick comfort station substantially completed cannot be finished at this time because the material needed is considered critical by the W.P.B.

In 1934 there were 119 playgrounds in the five boroughs, 67 of which have been reconstructed. There will be, with this new addition, 439 playgrounds in the park system.

The Department of Parks announces that the New York Community Trust will sponsor a Winter Sports Championship, to take place between January 1, 1944 and March 31, 1944. The activities will include basketball, outdoor ice skating, track athletics, boxing, table tennis, instrumental music, indoor roller skating and handcraft. Boys and girls up to 18 years will be permitted to compete for the prizes donated by the New York Community Trust. These prizes will consist of a \$25.00 War Bond to each city-wide winner and \$10.00 in War Stamps to the runner-up. Prizes consisting of War Savings Stamps will be awarded to the winners of district and borough competitions. It is estimated that the entry will total 50,000, of whom 2,776 contestants will receive an award. Entry blanks are available in all Park Department offices and will be forwarded to schools, neighborhood civic organizations and interested persons.

The Board of Education is cooperating by making school indoor facilities available for the basketball and musical instrument contests, which cannot be held outdoors.

This championship is part of an all year program of sports conducted under the auspices of the Department of Parks. Last spring a similar tournament also sponsored by the New York Community Trust was held outdoors in all parks and playgrounds. There were 45,765 entries and 40 contestants received War Bonds. The New York Community Trust has donated \$15,000 for conducting this Winter Sports Championship, and it is expected that there will be a larger entry and a greater interest on the part of the competitors and spectators. Posters will appear in all subway cars publicizing Winter Sports Championship.

This active recreational program will help to counteract juvenile delinquency and vandalism.

Attached is an entry blank of the Winter Sports Championship.

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CITY OF NEW YORK DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

NEW YORK COMMUNITY TRUST WINTER SPORTS CHAMPIONSHIP

BOYS AND GIRLS UP TO 18 YEARS

| Activity | | Date of Finals | Activity | | Date of Finals |
|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|--|
| Basketball | <input type="checkbox"/> | March 31st East 54th St. Gym. | Table Tennis | <input type="checkbox"/> | February 19th Mullaly Plgd., Bx. |
| Outdoor Ice Skating | <input type="checkbox"/> | January 16th Prospect Park | Instrumental Music | <input type="checkbox"/> | February 11th Washington Irving H. S. |
| Track Meet | <input type="checkbox"/> | Date and Location to be announced | Handcraft Exhibition | <input type="checkbox"/> | March 6 - 11th Museum of the City of N. Y. |
| Boxing | <input type="checkbox"/> | March 24th Lost Battalion Hall | Indoor Roller Skating | <input type="checkbox"/> | March 3rd City Building |

Please enter me in the events checked above.

NAME.....AGE.....DATE OF BIRTH.....

ADDRESS.....BOROUGH.....

PLAYGROUND OR ORGANIZATION TEAM REPRESENTS.....

INFORMATION FOR COMPETITORS

1. Check off event and give your entry blank to any Park Department Playground Personnel or forward your entry to the Supervisor of Recreation at
Manhattan — Arsenal Building, 64th Street & Fifth Avenue, New York City 21, N. Y.
Brooklyn — Litchfield Mansion, Prospect Park West & Fifth Street, Brooklyn 15, N. Y.
Queens — The Overlook, Forest Park, Kew Gardens, Queens 15, N. Y.
Bronx — Administration Building, Bronx Park East & Birchall Avenue, Bronx 60, N. Y.
Richmond — Clove Lake Field House, Clove Lake Road & Victory Blvd., S. I., N. Y.
2. Any person who has won a Park Department Championship for two consecutive years in the same class is not eligible to compete.
3. Names, addresses, age and date of birth of members of teams should be forwarded to the Playground Director or Supervisor.
4. There is no entry fee for any of the events.
5. The date of closing of entries will determine the eligibility as to the age of the contestant.
6. All contestants must compete in their particular age classification in all sports.
7. Prizes donated by the New York Community Trust will consist of a \$25 War Bond to the city-wide winner and \$10 in War Savings Stamps to the runner-up. There will be additional prizes consisting of War Savings Stamps for the winners of district and borough competitions.
8. No contestant may win more than two (2) bonds.

RULES GOVERNING THE VARIOUS SPORTS

BASKETBALL Closing Date of Entry—January 22nd

1. AGE GROUPS: Jr. Boys (12, 13, 14 Yrs.) Sr. Boys (15, 16, 17 Yrs.) Girls (14, 15, 16, 17 Yrs.)
2. A.A.U. basketball rules will govern. All boys games to be played in 8 minute quarters. Girls will play rules published by the National Section on Women's Athletics of the American Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation.
3. There will be 8 prizes for the winning teams and not more than 10 names may be included on the roster.

OUTDOOR ICE SKATING Closing Date of Entry—January 9th

1. EVENTS:

a) Park Playground Events

Juvenile (9, 10, 11 Yrs.)
 Junior (12, 13, 14 Yrs.)
 Intermediate (15, 16, 17 Yrs.)

BOYS

75 Yds.
 100 Yds.
 100 Yds. & 440 Yds.

GIRLS

60 Yds.
 75 Yds.
 100 Yds. & 220 Yds.

b) Middle Atlantic Skating Association Events

Midget Boys (Under 12 Yrs.)
 Juvenile Boys (Under 14 Yrs.)
 Junior Boys (Under 16 Yrs.)
 Intermediate Boys (Under 18 Yrs.)
 Ladies Intermediate (Under 18 Yrs.)

220 Yds.
 440 Yds.
 440 Yds.
 880 Yds.
 660 Yds.

& 880 Yds.
 & 1 Mile

TRACK MEET

1. EVENTS

a) Park Playground Events

100 lb. Class
 120 lb. Class
 120 lb. Class
 Unlimited
 Unlimited

BOYS

50 Yd. Dash
 60 Yd. Dash
 1/4 Mile Relay
 880 Yd. Run &
 1/2 Mile Relay
 60 Yd. Dash Handicap
 880 Yd. Run Handicap
 (One team from each school)
 (One team from each school)

GIRLS

40 Yd. Dash
 50 Yd. Dash
 220 Yd. Relay

b) Amateur Athletic Union Events

c) 1 Mile N.Y.C. High School Relay

d) 1 Mile N.Y.C. Private & Catholic High School Relay

2. A Point Trophy will be awarded to the Borough scoring the greatest number of points in the Park playground events. Boroughs will be limited to 4 relay teams and 12 contestants in each event.

BOXING Closing Date of Entry March 4th

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| Jr. Boys (14, 15 Yrs.) | <input type="checkbox"/> 100 lb. Class | <input type="checkbox"/> 105 lb. Class | <input type="checkbox"/> 112 lb. Class |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> 118 lb. Class | <input type="checkbox"/> 126 lb. Class | |
| Sr. Boys (16, 17 Yrs.) | <input type="checkbox"/> 118 lb. Class | <input type="checkbox"/> 126 lb. Class | <input type="checkbox"/> 135 lb. Class |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> 140 lb. Class | | |

TABLE TENNIS Closing Date of Entry—January 29

Singles Tournament for boys and girls in the following age groups:

Jr. Boys (Up to 16 birthday)
 Jr. Girls (Up to 16 birthday)

Sr. Boys (16 to 18 birthday)
 Sr. Girls (16 to 18 birthday)

HANDCRAFT EXHIBITION Closing Date of Entry—March 1st

1. MATERIAL: All articles must be made of scrap material. (Discarded wood, cardboard, milk containers, paper, boxes, etc.)
2. AGE DIVISIONS: Jrs. (8-11 Yrs.) Intermediate (12-14 Yrs.) Sr. (15-17 Yrs.)
3. HANDCRAFT: a) For the Home b) Toys and Games c) Generally Useful.
4. Articles must be clearly tagged or marked indicating name, age, and address of the child, what the article is and the material used to make it. All articles may be submitted to the playground director at your neighborhood playground.
5. JUDGING: In judging the exhibit, the factors to be considered will be: Usefulness, Originality, Workmanship.
6. Prizes consisting of War Savings Stamps will be awarded in each age division.

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC Closing Date of Entry—February 1st

1. AGE DIVISIONS Jrs. (9, 10, 11 Yrs.) Intermediate (12, 13, 14 Yrs.)
 Srs. (15, 16, 17 Yrs.)
2. INSTRUMENT CLASSIFICATIONS Piano & Xylophone String Instruments Wind and all others (drums, accordion etc.)
3. Instruction sheets will be forwarded to all contestants.

ROLLER SKATING COMPETITION Closing Date of Entry—February 1st

| Division | Age | Boys | Girls | Date of Eliminations (City Building) |
|---------------|-------------------|---|-----------------------------------|---|
| MIDGETS | (11 Yrs. & Under) | 150 Yds. <input type="checkbox"/> | 75 Yds. <input type="checkbox"/> | Wednesday, February 23—5 P.M. |
| JUNIORS | (12, 13 Yrs.) | 330 Yds. <input type="checkbox"/> | 150 Yds. <input type="checkbox"/> | Wednesday, March 1—5 P.M. |
| INTERMEDIATES | (14, 15 Yrs.) | 300 Yds. <input type="checkbox"/> | 225 Yds. <input type="checkbox"/> | Saturday, February 5—9 P.M. |
| INTERMEDIATES | (14, 15 Yrs.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Dance Skating for couples (Jr. & Midgets permitted to enter this event) | | Saturday, February 19—9 P.M. |
| SENIORS | (16, 17 Yrs.) | 600 Yds. <input type="checkbox"/> | 300 Yds. <input type="checkbox"/> | Saturday, February 12—9 P.M. |
| SENIORS | (16, 17 Yrs.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Dance Skating for couples | | Saturday, February 26—9 P.M. |



DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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FOR RELEASE Saturday
December 18, 1943

The Department of Parks announces that the city-wide finals of the New York Foundation Fall Sports Tournament in touch football will take place on Sunday, December 19, 2 P.M. at Macombs Dam Park, Jerome Avenue and 161 Street, The Bronx.

The boys of Lincoln Terrace Playground, representing Brooklyn, will vie with the team from Crotona Park, representing The Bronx, for the city crown. These teams have eliminated the contenders representing the remaining three boroughs in keenly contested games. 12,350 enthusiastic spectators have attended these various games.

The members of the winning team will receive \$10.00 in War Stamps while the runners-up will be awarded \$5.00 in stamps. Borough and district prizes have already been distributed. These prizes were made possible by the generosity of the New York Foundation through the good offices of the Park Association of New York City, Inc.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
TEL. ASSET 4-1000

FOR RELEASE

Sunday
~~Wednesday~~
December 17, 1944

The Park Department announces that ceremonies in connection with twenty-one Christmas trees, which have been erected and decorated in parks throughout the five boroughs, will take place on ~~Friday~~ *Monday*, December ~~17~~ *18*, at 5 P.M. A special program will be held at the principal trees in each borough, which will be at City Hall Park, Manhattan; Borough Hall Park, Brooklyn; Joyce Kilmer Park, The Bronx; Queensborough Hall, Kew Gardens, Queens, and Borough Hall, Richmond.

At City Hall Park, the ceremonies will be broadcast over Station .NYC. Mayor LaGuardia will deliver his annual Christmas message and ~~Comptroller McCordick's 4-year-old daughter will~~ throw the switch lighting the tree at 5:25 P.M., officially starting New York City's observance of the Christmas season. ~~Newbold Morris~~, President of the Council and Borough President ~~Edgar J. Nathan, Jr.~~ will also participate in the exercises. Selections will be played by the Department of Sanitation Band and Christmas Carols will be sung by the Police Department's Glee Club, and the Boys Choir of Saint Cecilia's Church. Borough Presidents Casimore, Burke, Lyons, and Palma will light the trees in their respective boroughs where exercises will be conducted under the direction of the Borough Park Directors who have arranged appropriate programs.

A special decorative scheme depicting the Three Wise Men proceeding to the Star in the East, centered in a holly wreath ten feet in diameter, will be erected over the main entrance of the Park Department Headquarters at the Arsenal, Central Park. The trees will be lighted each evening from whatever hour in the afternoon it is dark enough to make them effective until ~~10 P.M.~~ *midnight*. Christmas trees have been erected at the following locations:

MANHATTAN:

*City Hall Park, Broadway and Murray Street
Tavern on the Green, Central Park and 67 Street.
Thomas Jefferson Park, First Avenue and 111th Street
Roosevelt Park, Block 7, Forsyth and Canal Streets
Mount Morris Park, center line of Fifth Avenue, top of hill
Fort Tryon Park, Dyckman Street and Broadway
Carl Schurz Park, 83th Street and East End Avenue
Bellevue Hospital, East River Drive and 26 Street

BROOKLYN:

*Borough Hall, Fulton and Joralemon Streets
Grand Army Plaza, Prospect Park, Flatbush Avenue and Union Street
Leiv Eiriksson Park, 67th Street between Fourth and Fifth Avenues
McCarren Park, Driggs Avenue and Lorimer Street

BRONX:

*Joyce Kilmer Park, 161st Street and Grand Concourse
St. Mary's Park, St. Ann's Avenue and East 144th Street
St. James Park, (Center of oval lawn), East 191 Street and Jerome Avenue

QUEENS:

*Borough Hall, Queens Boulevard and Union Turnpike
King Park, Jamaica Avenue and 131 street
Flushing Park, Northern Boulevard and Main Street
Highland Park, Jamaica Avenue and Elton Street
Forest Park, Park Lane South and 103th Street

RICHMOND:

*Borough Hall, Bay Street and Borough Place

*Principal Ceremony

As in former years there will also be a Christmas tree in Flushing Meadow Park, Queens, located inside the City Building between the ice and roller skating rinks.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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FOR RELEASE Monday,
December 13, 1943

TO THE EDITOR:

Attached for release on Monday, December 13, 1943, is a story and illustrations on "Parks, Parkways, Express Arteries, and Related Plans for New York City After the War."

This story carried in the December issue of The American City magazine will not appear on the newsstands until Monday, December 13.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK,
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FOR RELEASE Sunday,
December 12, 1943

*Part 22805
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*Del. 12/11/43
12 noon*

The Department of Parks announces that the Christmas program of playground children's activities will feature 25 puppet and marionette shows, depicting the famous fairy tales of "Hansel and Gretel" and "Red Riding Hood".

This series of shows will be given at centrally located playgrounds in the five boroughs, with the first performance taking place at McDonald Playground, Forest Avenue, near Broadway, West New Brighton, S. I., on Monday, December 13th at 3:30 P.M. The remaining plays will be presented at the time and location according to the attached schedule.

These performances will be given by the puppeteers, composed of Park Department personnel, who entertained 40,000 children on their last tour.

In addition, beginning Monday, December 13th and continuing through Thursday, December 30th, according to the attached schedule, 26 magic shows lasting one hour and including a variety of magical tricks and hand puppetry will be given at other designated playgrounds in the five boroughs, by Peter Pan the Magic Man, who is in charge of children's magic clubs.

Christmas trees will be provided for the various playgrounds where there are recreation field houses. Many of the tree decorations have been made by the children and the Playground Directors in charge have planned Christmas parties for the youngsters, including games, songs and refreshments. The parties will be held at various times beginning December 22nd and continuing through December 31st.

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CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

MARIONETTES

"Red Riding Hood" and "Lansel and Gretel"

RICHMOND

Monday, Dec. 13 - McDonald Playground, Forest Ave., near
Broadway, West New Brighton, S.I. 3:30 P.M.
Tuesday, Dec. 14 - De Matti Playground, Tompkins Ave., near
St. Mary's Ave., Rosebank, S.I. 3:30 P.M.

BRONX

Wednesday, Dec. 15 - Williamsbridge Playground, East 208th St.
and Bainbridge Avenue. 11:00 A.M.
" " " " " " " " " " " 3:30 P.M.
Thursday, Dec. 16 - St. Helena's School, 2050 Benedict Avenue 10:30 A.M.
" " " " " " " " " " " 1:30 P.M.
Friday, Dec. 17 - St. James Playground, Jerome Ave. & 192nd St. 11:00 A.M.
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BROOKLYN

Saturday, Dec. 18 - Brooklyn Children's Museum, Brooklyn Avenue
and Park Place 1:00 P.M.
" " " " " " " " " " " 3:00 P.M.
Monday, Dec. 20 - Convent of Mercy Orphans Home, 273 Willoughby Ave. 3:00 P.M.
Tuesday, Dec. 21 - St. Francis Xavier School, President Street
near 6th Avenue. 11:00 A.M.
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Wednesday, Dec. 22 - Gulick Playground, Sheriff, Broome & Delancey Sts. 3:30 P.M.
Thursday, Dec. 23 - Columbus Playground, Baxter and North Streets 3:30 P.M.
Monday, Dec. 27 - Annunciation Playg'd, 134th St. & Amsterdam Ave. 11:00 A.M.
" " " " " " " " " " " 2:30 P.M.
Tuesday, Dec. 28 - McCray Playground, 138th St., between 5th and
Lenox Avenues. 11:00 A.M.
2:30 P.M.

QUEENS

Wednesday, Dec. 29 - Jackson Heights Playground, 84th Street and
30th Avenue, Jackson Heights. 11:00 A.M.
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Thursday, Dec. 30 - Von Dohlen Playground, 138th Street and Archer
Place, Jamaica 11:00 A.M.
" " " " " " " " " " " 3:00 P.M.
Friday, Dec. 31 - O'Connell Playground, 113th Avenue and 196th St.,
St. Albans 11:00 A.M.
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CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

MAGIC

QUEENS

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| Monday, | Dec. 13 | - Corona Playground, 102nd St., Corona Ave. & 102nd St., Corona. | 11:00 A.M. |
| " | " " | - Jackson Heights Playground, 84th Street & 30th Avenue, Jackson Heights. | 3:30 P.M. |
| Tuesday, | Dec. 14 | - Grover Cleveland Playground, Grandview Ave. & Stanhope Street, Ridgewood. | 11:00 A.M. |
| " | " " | - Jackson Pond Playground, 108th Street & Myrtle Avenue, Richmond Hill. | 3:30 P.M. |
| Wednesday, | Dec. 15 | - Raymond O'Connor Playground, 32nd Avenue & 210th St., Bayside. | 11:00 A.M. |
| " | " " | - Flushing Memorial Playg'd, 150th St & Bayside Ave. | 3:30 P.M. |

MANHATTAN

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| Thursday, | Dec. 16 | - Sauer Playground, 12th St., near Avenue "B". | 3:30 P.M. |
| Friday, | Dec. 17 | - Parkchester - Red Cross | 2:00 P.M. |
| " | " " | - Neckscher Playground, 62nd St. & Central Park | 3:30 P.M. |
| Saturday, | Dec. 18 | - J. Wood Wright Playground, 175th St. & Fort Washington Avenue. | 11:00 A.M. |
| " | Dec. 18 | - Thomas Jefferson Pool, 114th St & First Ave. | 3:00 P.M. |

BROOKLYN

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| Monday, | Dec. 20 | - Williamsbridge Playg'd, E. 208th St. & Bainbridge Avenue. | 11:00 A.M. |
| " | " " | - Zimmerman Playg'd, Olinville Ave. South of Britton Street. | 3:30 P.M. |
| Tuesday, | Dec. 21 | - Lyons Square Playg'd, Eastern Blvd. & Aldus St. | 11:00 A.M. |
| " | " " | - St. Mary's East Playg'd, Trinity Ave. & E. 146th St | 3:30 P.M. |
| Wednesday, | Dec. 22 | - St. James Playg'd, Jerome Ave. & East 192nd St. | 11:00 A.M. |
| " | " " | - Mullaly Playg'd, East 163th St. & Jerome Ave. | 3:30 P.M. |

BROOKLYN

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| Thursday, | Dec. 23 | - Bill Brown Memorial Playg'd, Seaford Ave. & Ave. "2" | 3:30 P.M. |
| Monday, | Dec. 27 | - Ridervdale & Sneiderker Aves. Playground. | 11:00 A.M. |
| " | " " | - Betsy Head Playg'd, Popkinson & Dumont Aves. | 3:00 P.M. |
| Tuesday, | Dec. 28 | - Brooklyn Children's Museum, B'klyn Ave. & Park Place | 1:00 P.M. |
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| Wednesday, | Dec. 29 | - Levy Playg'd, Jewett & Castleton Aves. Pt. Rich. | 11:00 A.M. |
| " | " " | - McDonald Playg'd, Forest Ave. near Broadway, West New Brighton. | 2:00 P.M. |
| Thursday, | Dec. 30 | - De Matti Playground, Tompkins Ave. near St. Mary's Avenue, Rosebank. | 11:00 A.M. |
| " | " " | - Lyons Pool, Victory Boulevard & Murray Hulbert Ave., Tompkinsville. | 2:00 P.M. |

Photographic Prints with Harlem Meer Release

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| 22902 | Plan(Reconstructed Park Area) |
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| 22786 | Block-House. War of 1812 |
| 4183 | Block House, Central Park, 1943 |
| 4178 | McGowan's Pass, Central Park |
| 22914 | Approach to lake from the southwest, Harlem Meer, Central Park |
| 22897 | Promenade & wall around lake, Harlem Meer, Central Park |
| 22913 | Approaches to Main Park Entrance at Fifth Avenue & 110 Street, Harlem Meer, Central Park |
| 22909 | Approach to Playground, Harlem Meer, Central Park |

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The Department of Parks announces that it has reopened to the public the northeastern section of Central Park, known as Harlem Meer, extending from Conservatory Gardens at 105th Street to 110th Street and from Fifth Avenue to the East Drive.

This area is the third and the largest of the park projects left unfinished by the WPA, nine of which are now being completed by contract to protect work already done.

The general features of the old Harlem Meer area have been retained. All of the improvements were designed to permit increased use of the area and at the same time eliminate maintenance problems by improving access, providing an adequate walk system and a promenade completely around the fourteen-acre lake. This change from a natural lake and informal path system to a formal treatment was necessitated by the tremendous increase in the use of the area and the change in the adjacent neighborhoods. The old lay-out would not accommodate the number of people who were using the area, and provided dangerous, dark areas which, although they were not designed for public use, were actually being traversed by many pedestrians.

The new development retains with slight modification the original shape of the lake. A four-foot concrete wall and the abutting fifteen-foot promenade form the new shore line completely encircling the lake. Frequent connections have been made to a secondary path system which parallels the shore promenade and connects with the main park entrances from Fifth Avenue, 110th Street, Conservatory Gardens and the general park path system.

The existing entrances at the intersection of 110th Street and Fifth Avenue and also opposite East 106th Street connect with the marginal path system and lake promenade. Convenient approaches to the two existing marginal playgrounds north and east of the lake have been provided.

At the end of the war the 360-foot boat landing platform will be completed, and the combination brick boathouse, comfort station, and refreshment concession will be constructed on the north shore of the Meer near the Fifth Avenue entrance. This work was omitted from the present contract because the material needed is considered critical by the W.P.B.

There is no park in the city which can compare with Central Park in the wealth of its historical associations or in the number of objects of historic interest included within its borders. Situated as it is at almost the geographical center of Manhattan Island, practically every road leading to the north from lower Manhattan passed through some part of it and has left its trace. This section of the park is particularly interesting.

The first great longitudinal thoroughfare, the Albany Post Road, came up from New Amsterdam considerably east of the park, somewhere near Third Avenue to a point near 82nd Street where it bent northwest and ran to Fifth Avenue at about 90th Street; thence along Fifth Avenue to about 92nd Street where it entered what is now Central Park and followed the line of the East Drive to what was known as McGowan's Pass Tavern at about 105th Street. There, it bent northeast to about 108th Street, where it forked, with one branch coming out at 110th Street and Lenox Avenue and the other at about Fifth Avenue and 109th Street.

In 1688 Governor Nicholls confirming the privileges of New Harlem defined the dividing line between that village and New Amsterdam (or New York) as running across the park from the northwest corner at 8th Avenue and 110th Street to Fifth Avenue at 96th Street. This line was later changed so that it ran approximately parallel to 110th Street and about 300 feet south of it to about 150 feet west of the park wall, midway between 94th Street and 95th Street thence diagonally southeast leaving the park at 87th Street.

The first building to be erected within the present park confines was the Half-way House or Jansan's Tavern which occupied a location in the northeastern corner near 108th Street. This building was finished in 1684 and flourished for many years.

The next building of note was Dyckman's Stone Tavern which was erected about 1748 by Jacon Dyckman on approximately the same site as that of the McGowan's Pass Tavern. It was an institution of capacity and dignity at which the Colonial Assembly held its session in 1752.

In 1780 the widow McGowan purchased the tavern and ten acres of ground from Dyckman and with her son Andrew continued in the tavern business keeping the property in the family until 1845 when the heirs of Andrew McGowan sold it to Thos. B. Odell.

Odell retained the property only sixteen months when it passed on April 1, 1847 into the hands of Sister Elizabeth Doyle, first Mother Superior of the New York branch of the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul. On May 2, 1847, the spot was consecrated. A north wing was added and in 1848 the south wing was built. In 1850 a large building devoted to scholastic pursuits was erected, a chaplain's house was built and in 1855 a chapel and large dining rooms completed the group of academic buildings.

After the taking of the buildings by the park in 1856 the Sisters acquired property outside the City and in 1858 turned the Academy over to the park authorities. They returned, however, and cared for the wounded of the Civil War, whom the Government had housed in the old convent and academy, until the close of the war in 1865.

After acquiring the academy buildings the Commissioners of the Park while still using some of the buildings as offices on October 19, 1866, authorized the Comptroller to lease the Mt. St. Vincent buildings, or such part thereof as might be necessary, to Alex. McC. Stetson for a refreshment house, the commissioners receiving the right to regulate the kind of refreshments.

On December 13, 1866 the Comptroller was also authorized to put the brick building, formerly used for a convent chapel, in such condition that it could be used as a statuary gallery and museum. The buildings were thus occupied by the Park Department, the park police (popularly designated sparrow cops) the

statuary hall and the refreshment hall until March 13, 1872 when Stetson relinquished his lease.

The tavern was then let to Radford and Ryan who held it until January 2, 1881 when a fire destroyed the building. There was much protest against its being rebuilt and at first the Commissioners had the ruins cleared away, the walls leveled and the ground planted but in 1883, in response to popular demand a new tavern was built on the old site and there remained until 1917, when it was damaged by fire and later demolished.

On April 16, 1884, the name Mt. St. Vincent was officially abolished and on January 3, 1891 the name McGowan's Pass reestablished.

The northern end of the park played an important part in the military movements of the Revolutionary War. The pass was a constant road for the passage of troops in 1776 and the route by which the American troops retreated September 15th. The British occupied and fortified the heights along the northern end of the park till 1783.

There was no more military activity in the park until August 18, 1814, when a fort as part of the city's precaution against British invasion, was begun at McGowan's pass designated "Fort Clinton" for the Mayor DeWitt Clinton and pushed to immediate completion. It formed part of a system of defenses which included Fort Fish situated about 600 feet west of Fort Clinton, Nutter's Battery, north of Fort Clinton and northeast of Fort Fish and "Blockhouse No. 1", which stands to the west on the crest of the hill near the intersection of 109th Street and 7th Avenue. This last is still standing.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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FOR RELEASE Friday,
December 3, 1943

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The Department of Parks announces that the city finals of the New York Foundation Fall Sports Tournament in roller hockey will take place Sunday, December 5, 2:00 P.M. at Carl Schurz Park, East 88 Street and East End Avenue, Manhattan, and the borough finals in touch football on Saturday, December 4, according to the following schedule:

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| <u>BROOKLYN:</u> | Red Hook Recreational Area, Henry & Lorraine Streets | 2:00 P.M. |
| <u>QUEENS:</u> | Victory Field, Myrtle Avenue & Woodhaven Boulevard | 2:00 P.M. |
| <u>BRONX:</u> | Claremont Park, Webster Avenue & Claremont Parkway | 2:00 P.M. |
| <u>RICHMOND:</u> | Glove Lakes, Victory Boulevard & Glove Road | 2:00 P.M. |

The roller hockey championship will be decided by the boys of Jackson Heights Playground representing Queens versus the team from Carl Schurz Playground representing Manhattan. These contenders are the surviving teams from a series of 96 games, starting with the playground eliminations through district, borough and semi-finals.

The winners will receive \$10.00 in War Stamps, while the runners-up will be awarded \$5.00 in War Stamps. Valuable prizes will be given the borough winners. These prizes were made possible by the generosity of the New York Foundation through the good offices of the Park Association of New York City, Inc.

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The Department of Parks announces that boxing, as a part of the general recreational physical fitness program is being conducted at seven park centers throughout the city. Instructions in the manly art are given by trained park personnel to all boys from 12 years and over, who register at one of these centers. A boy must at all times keep himself in good physical condition in order to be a good boxer. This in turn will encourage him to indulge in other sports and recreational activities in order to attain that bodily strength and ability of coordination necessary for boxing and so common in many sports.

This will be the third year for the Park Department boxing program. The past year's program was very successful, with an exhibition conducted last winter in which 225 boys took part, the finals being staged at Lost Battalion Hall, Queens. This was followed by a competition in the Spring Sports Tournament in which 527 boys entered, the finals being held in an outdoor ring at McCarren Park, Brooklyn. These events attracted an enthusiastic audience of 5000 people. All indications are for an increased interest in this form of recreation.

All boys are invited to attend any of the following centers:

MANHATTAN:

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| Thomas Jefferson Play Center East 111 St. & First Avenue | Tues. & Thursday | 7:30-9:30 P.M. |
| Highbridge Play Center 173 Street & Amsterdam Avenue | Tues. & Thursday | 7:30-9:30 P.M. |
| West 134 Street Gymnasium | Mon., Tues., Wed., Thursday Saturday | 4:00-6:00 P.M. 7:00-9:30 P.M. 4:00-6:00 P.M. |
| East 54 Street Gymnasium | Monday, Wednesday Friday | 4:00-5:30 P.M. 6:00-7:30 P.M. |

BROOKLYN:

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| McCarren Play Center Driggs Avenue & Lorimer Street | Monday, Wednesday Friday | 7:30-9:30 P.M. |
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QUEENS:

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| Jackson Heights Playground 25-30 Avenues, 84th-85th Streets | Monday Wednesday Friday | 7:30-9:30 P.M. |
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| St. Mary's Park West East 146 St. & St. Ann's Avenue | Monday, Thursday Friday | 7:30-9:30 P.M. |
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FOR RELEASE Saturday,
November 27, 1943

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*Editorial
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The Department of Parks announces the closing of ten municipal golf courses and the pitch putt course at Jacob Riis Park, at the close of play on Sunday, November 28.

During the past season, more than 372,000 rounds were played over the ten courses, and approximately 11,350 rounds were played on the pitch and putt course. The courses were open to the members of the armed forces free of charge and some 10,930 soldiers, sailors, marines, and members of the women's armed forces took advantage of these facilities.

The Park Department also announces that through the winter months, it will not be necessary to have permits to play tennis on the hard surface courts operated by the department, but players must furnish their own tennis nets.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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FOR RELEASE Thursday,
November 18, 1943

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The Department of Parks announces that the Board of Estimate at its meeting on November 18, 1943 will consider the acquisition of the two blocks bounded by the Armory and West 143rd Street, Lenox Avenue, West 145th Street, and the Harlem River, for a public playground. Following the policy of the Board of Estimate and the Planning Commission, the plan for the Harlem River Drive included recreation areas, promenades, etc., along its borders. This is the largest of the play areas so planned in connection with this project. This property will provide a new, vitally needed recreation space to serve a congested section of Harlem. The project has heretofore been approved by the Mayor, the Comptroller and the Borough President of Manhattan.

B → Originally planned in 1937, ~~the~~ playground was scheduled for construction in the late fall of 1941, but was delayed because of the scarcity of labor and materials which resulted in difficulty in securing approval for construction from the WPB. The plan ~~has been~~ ^{was} modified and the amount of materials requiring priorities greatly reduced. Substantially, all of the facilities originally contemplated will be provided in spite of these modifications.

At present the property is occupied mostly by one-story garages together with a few five and six-story tenements. Demolition and clearance of the site will start immediately ~~after the acquisition by the City,~~

^{completed} When ~~developed~~, the area will contain 9 basketball courts, 9 volleyball courts, 12 handball courts, 8 horseshoe pitching courts and 4 softball diamonds with concrete bleachers for spectators, a comfort station and a large play area which can be flooded for ice skating when sub-freezing temperatures permit. There will also be two completely equipped playgrounds, one for small children of pre-school age and the other for older children located on the Lenox Avenue side of the area.

The various units will be separated from each other by fencing so as to provide proper control of the operation.

The entire development will be surrounded by planting areas with trees.

C → The playgrounds are scheduled for immediate construction and will be completed ~~and in use~~ before the end of the summer if a prompt decision is made on the pending matters of acquisition.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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FOR RELEASE Saturday,
November 13, 1943

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The Department of Parks announces that the borough finals of the New York Foundation Fall Sports Tournament in roller hockey will take place on Saturday, November 13, and Sunday, November 14, according to the following schedule:

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| QUEENS: | Nov. 13 - Victory Field, Woodhaven Blvd., and Myrtle Avenue | 2 P.M. |
| MANHATTAN: | Nov. 14 - Carl Schurz Park, East 88 St. and East End Avenue | 2 P.M. |
| BROOKLYN: | Nov. 14 - Red Hook Recreation Area, Bay and Court Streets | 2 P.M. |
| BRONX: | Nov. 14 - Mullaly Playground, Jerome Ave., and 165 Street | 11 A.M. |

During the past four weeks 90 teams have been keenly competing before a spectator audience totaling 3,000 people in the various park playgrounds throughout the city.

The winning team from each borough will be awarded valuable borough prizes and be eligible to compete for the city-wide prizes of \$10.00 in War Stamps. These prizes were made possible by the generosity of the New York Foundation through the good offices of the Park Association of New York City, Inc.

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FOR RELEASE

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Friday,
November 5, 1943

The Park Department announces that the Annual Fall Indoor Chrysanthemum Show in the Prospect Park Greenhouse, Brooklyn, will open on Sunday, November 7, at 10 A.M.

The Greenhouse is located at Prospect Park West and Ninth Street, Brooklyn, and may be reached by way of the I.R.T. Subway, Grand Army Plaza Station; the Independent Subway, 7th Avenue Station and by the Vanderbilt and Smith Street car lines, Ninth Street stop; or by automobile direct to the Greenhouse by way of the East Drive in Prospect Park.

The Exhibit will be open every day from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. for three weeks and the Park Department extends a cordial invitation to view the display.

More than four thousand pots of chrysanthemums will be on exhibition. The ground bed is laid out in groups of various formations with the popular large bloom varieties in all shades of pink, yellow, red and bronze. Some of the attractive plants are the Pocketts, Turners, John S. Bush, Rise of Day and the Melba. Surrounding this feature of the display, banked on the sides of the Greenhouse are numerous smaller size chrysanthemums in 75 varieties, such as the Pompons, the Anemone and the Single Daisy type.

In the class of varieties in all shades of bronze, red, yellow and white, some of the outstanding chrysanthemums to be exhibited are the Crimson Red, Purple Queen, Red Rover, Orchid Beauty, Cleopatra and New York.

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Press photographers may take pictures on Friday, November 5, between 1 and 4 P.M., and Saturday, November 6, between 10 A.M. and 4 P.M.

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FOR RELEASE

Friday,
November 5, 1943

The Department of Parks announces that the city-wide finals of the New York Foundation Fall Sports Tournament in volleyball will take place on Saturday, November 6, at 2 P.M. at Roosevelt Playground, Chrystie and Forsyth Streets, Manhattan, and the borough finals in the roller skating events according to the following schedule:

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| MANHATTAN: | 105th Street and Riverside Drive | 2 P.M. |
| BROOKLYN: | Red Hook Recreational Area, Henry & Lorraine Sts. | 2 P.M. |
| QUEENS: | Victory Field, Myrtle Ave. & Woodhaven Boulevard | 2 P.M. |
| BRONX: | Claremont Park Playground, E. 170 St. & Clay Ave. | 2 P.M. |
| RICHMOND: | Mahoney Playground, Beechwood & Crescent Avenues | 2 P.M. |

There are two divisions in volleyball, one for boys up to 16 years, and another for girls in the same age group. In the boys group, the children from Spofford ~~Avenue~~ Playground representing the Bronx will vie with the boys of Heckscher Playground representing Brooklyn, while the championship in the girls division will be decided by the girls of Colonial Playground, Manhattan, versus McCarren of Brooklyn. A total of 12,000 spectators have witnessed 224 games throughout the course of the tournament.

The roller skating events scheduled for boys and girls, in the two age groups, 10-12 and 12-18 include the 30, 40, 60, 80, 100 and 220 yard run.

City-wide finalists will be awarded \$10.00 in War Stamps and the runners-up \$5.00 in War Stamps. Borough and district winners will also receive valuable prizes. These prizes were made possible by the generosity of the New York Foundation through the good offices of the Park Association of New York City, Inc.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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FOR RELEASE Saturday,
October 30, 1943

The Department of Parks announces that the city-wide finals of the New York Foundation Fall Sports Tournament in handball will take place at North Meadow, 97th Street and Transverse Road, Central Park, on Sunday, October 31st, at 11 A.M. for junior boys, 1 P.M. for senior boys and 3 P.M. for senior girls.

Championships will be decided in three divisions; one for girls between 16-18 years and for boys, 12-16 years and 16-18 years.

These contestants are the winners in each of the five boroughs in inter-playground, district and borough eliminations. For the past four weeks 2500 boys and girls have taken part in these competitions.

The winners in each division will receive \$10.00 in War Stamps, while the runners-up will be awarded \$5.00 in War Stamps. Valuable prizes have already been received by the district and borough winners. These prizes were made possible by the generosity of the New York Foundation through the good offices of the Park Association of New York City, Inc.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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FOR RELEASE Saturday,
October 30, 1943

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The Department of Parks announces the closing of the clay and hard surface tennis courts on Sunday night, October 31, 1943.

After October 31 players who bring their own equipment, including nets, will be permitted to use the hard courts free of charge. During the 1943 season, 184,053 players took advantage of the 538 courts located in park areas throughout the five boroughs.

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FOR RELEASE Friday,
October 22, 1943

TO THE SPORTS EDITORS:

The Department of Parks announces that two holes-in-one were made on the 150 yard eleventh hole at Van Cortlandt Golf Course, The Bronx, on consecutive days.

On Tuesday, October 19, Joseph Buck of 3452 Corlear Avenue, The Bronx, made a hole-in-one(his third) with a #6 iron.

On Wednesday, October 20, Charles Boyce of 160 Palisade Avenue, Yonkers, made his first hole-in-one using a # 5 iron.

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FOR RELEASE Friday,
October 22, 1943

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Bursting into bloom when other flowers will soon be killed by frost two million Chrysanthemum blossoms of a new winter hardy variety are now blooming in New York City's first annual outdoor Chrysanthemum display, the Department of Parks announced today. These flowers are now on view in three park areas in New York City: Bryant Park; the Plaza at Fifth Avenue and 59th Street; the Central Park Conservatory Gardens at Fifth Avenue and 106th Street, and will be planted during the coming week in Riverside Park at Riverside Drive and 106th Street; and Cadman Plaza in Brooklyn.

These permanent plantings are the gift of Mrs. Albert D. Lasker, of New York City, to the Department of Parks in memory of her Mother, and are known as the Sara J. Woodard Memorial Chrysanthemum Plantings. Mrs. Woodard, who died in New York City, on January 8, 1940, was one of the founders of two public parks in Watertown, Wisconsin, and a member of the Park Association of New York City, and the Outdoor Cleanliness Association.

Rockefeller Center, in cooperation with the Park Department's project for a late Autumn outdoor flower display in the City, has purchased fifteen hundred plants of the same variety, and on Saturday, October 23, these will be massed in colorful display in the planting areas in Rockefeller Center from Fifth Avenue to Rockefeller Plaza.

All of these plants are seedlings and cuttings from the Chicago strain of hardy Chrysanthemums developed by Dr. E. J. Kraus, Chairman of the Botany Department of the University of Chicago. Since 1935, Dr. Kraus has been working on the development of an early-blooming, winter-hardy Chrysanthemum whose flowers would withstand severe frost, and whose plant would withstand extreme sub-zero temperatures without any covering. After six years of experiment and research, twelve named varieties were introduced to the public in the Fall of 1941 as the Chicago strain of hardy Chrysanthemums. The current exhibition in New York City will be the first large-scale public exhibition of these plants to be seen anywhere in the East. They differ from other Chrysanthemums now on the market, chiefly in the wide range of colors from white through many shades of yellow, orange, clear rose pink and deep maroon. The flowers vary from single to fully double, and the plants include all sizes from dwarf to more than three feet high and three feet in spread. It is one

of the few flowers that will bear up under heavy frost and the only plant having a wide range of color that is suitable in this section of the country for mass planting. These Chrysanthemums are easily grown, even under adverse conditions, and it is hoped that other communities, inspired by New York City's dramatic display, will make similar plantings in their own public parks and gardens.

Dr. Kraus, stimulated by the desire to create a flower that could be used by the amateur gardener to extend the blooming period of a garden by as much as six weeks, began his experiments in the simplest possible manner. He used a common, hardy magenta flowered and a white flowered variety of Chrysanthemum. He also used a very early flowering strain received from the Municipal Park in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and a variety selected by Mr. F. L. Mulford, of the Bureau of Plant Industry in Washington, D. C., for its hardiness and early blooming character. Only flowers in a limited range of color and form resulted from these first crosses. To introduce additional color, particularly brilliant red, the Mars variety was obtained from Mr. Alex Cummings in 1936 and some additional double strains were used. Each year thereafter thousands of seedlings from these crosses were grown and fifty to one hundred outstanding individual plants were selected for further testing. The outstanding plants were saved for seed and propagated by means of cuttings. These cuttings were then sent for further test to the gardens of the U. S. Horticultural Stations in Beltsville, Maryland, and Cheyenne, Wyoming; to the Department of Agriculture Test Gardens at Beaver Lodge, Alberta, and to the Arnold Arboretum in Boston, Massachusetts. Elaborate records were kept and yearly reports were made as to the comparative merit and value of each individual variety.

In the Fall of 1941, twelve varieties were selected and considered sufficiently reliable to be worthy of public introduction. They were named: Barbara Small, Calendula, Flavita, Goldridge, Harbinger, M. J. Costello, Primula, Polar Ice, Redbank, Robert Brydon, Tussore, William Longland, and are now available to gardeners everywhere through nurserymen and commercial growers. Plants, grown in the greenhouses of the Department of Parks, from seeds and cuttings of these varieties, are now massed in myriad hues, making a carpet of bloom in the heart of New York City. These plantings are permanent ones and the gardens will flower annually from the second week of October through the first week of November.

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FOR RELEASE Friday,
October 22, 1943

The Department of Parks announces that the borough finals of the New York Foundation Fall Sports Tournament in handball will take place on Saturday, October 23, according to the following schedule:

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| MANHATTAN: North Meadow, 100th St. & West Drive, Central Park | Jr. Boys | 11:00 A.M. |
| | Girls | 1:00 P.M. |
| | Sr. Boys | 3:00 P.M. |
| BROOKLYN: Red Hook Recreational Area, Henry & Lorraine Streets | Jr. Boys | 2:00 P.M. |
| | Girls | 2:00 P.M. |
| | Sr. Boys | 3:00 P.M. |
| QUEENS: Victory Field, Myrtle Avenue, Woodhaven Boulevard | Jr. Boys | 2:00 P.M. |
| | Girls | 2:00 P.M. |
| | Sr. Boys | 2:00 P.M. |
| BRONX: Macombs Dam Park, East 161 Street & Ruppert Place | Jr. Boys | 2:00 P.M. |
| | Girls | 11:00 A.M. |
| | Sr. Boys | 3:00 P.M. |
| RICHMOND: Mahoney Playground, Beechwood & Crescent Avenues, New Brighton | Jr. Boys | 2:00 P.M. |
| | Girls | 3:00 P.M. |
| | Sr. Boys | 5:00 P.M. |

During the past three weeks 2500 boys and girls have been playing in playground and inter-playground eliminations before 11,600 spectators.

This tournament, consisting of five events, volleyball, handball, roller hockey, roller skating and touch football for boys and girls of the city between the ages of 10 - 18 is made possible by the New York Foundation, through the good offices of the Park Association of New York City.

Entries for touch football are still being accepted at any park office or playground.

Ten Dollars in War Stamps will be the prize for each of the city-wide winners. Other valuable prizes will be awarded borough and district winners.

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Del. 10/18/43
11 A M

Mr. Hearlip
FOR RELEASE TUESDAY,
October 19, 1943

The Department of Parks announces that the newly renovated and refurnished Tavern-On-The-Green in Central Park will reopen Tuesday, October 19, 1943, as a public restaurant.

This ornate, picturesque building, built in 1870 is located in Central Park at Central Park West, between 66 and 67 Streets. It is easily reached by subway and bus and will provide the public with a convenient place to dine and dance in beautiful surroundings removed from the hustle and bustle of the City yet a short distance from the heart of Times Square.

The decorative scheme is in gay colors with mirrored walls and new furnishings making the restaurant cheerful and modern. The dance floor has been enlarged with spacious room for dancing.

The restaurant will be under the same management as the famous old Claremont Inn on Riverside Drive and they have brought their entire staff of capable personnel from the Inn which operates during the summer months only.

Attractions planned for the new Tavern-On-The-Green are outdoor dancing on the terrace during the summer months, after dinner specials of tasty snacks and special provisions for people who enjoy the hansom and broughams and wish to ride through the park to the restaurant in Gay 90's style.

A complete dinner will be served at \$2.00, also unusual a la carte items.

The Tavern-On-The-Green will be open daily from 5 P.M. and Sundays and holidays from 1 P.M.

Joe Ricardel will provide the music for dancing.

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FOR RELEASE Friday,
October 15, 1943

*Del. 10/13/43
3:20 PM*

The Department of Parks announces the birth of three lion cubs at the Prospect Park Zoo, Brooklyn, on October 7.

The father of the triplets which weighed $1\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. each at birth, is Leo, and the mother, Fariana.

The mother and her cubs will be on display in the lion house on Sunday, October 17.

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Press photographs can be taken on Friday, October 15.

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FOR RELEASE Saturday,
October 9, 1943

Del. 10/9/43 10 PM

The Department of Parks announces a program of Magic and Music to be conducted on the Mall, Central Park, Sunday afternoon, October 10, at 2:30 P.M.

The Magic show will be given by Peter Pan the Magic Man and his troupe of Magicians, a group of children from the magic clubs, organized at the various park playgrounds throughout the city. This performance will be a climax to a series of 134 shows which provided entertainment for 50,000 children. A demonstration in hand puppetry will be given by Larry Klepper, a member of the troupe, who has on some occasions demonstrated this talent over WOR. Another performer who will add merriment to the afternoon will be Jo Jo, the Clown, who has received his training from Peter Pan.

The music in the program will be furnished by the Children's Orchestra of the Department of Parks. It consists of twenty children from the various playgrounds, organized and conducted by a trained Park Department leader. Throughout the past season they have given several concerts in the big parks of the city.

Program attached

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MAGIC AND MUSIC PROGRAM

The Mall - Central Park

October 10, 1943
at 2:30 P.M.

1. Opening - CHILDREN'S ORCHESTRA - Star Spangled Banner
Wizard March
My Hero - Vocal Solo, Eloise Belloso
J. Hood Wright Playground
Ballet Music
Coming in on a Wing and a Prayer
El Choclo
God Bless America
2. Princess Lenore - The Playground Magic Miss.
3. Children's Magic - Peter Pan the Park Magic Man.
4. Dark Eyes - Accordion Solo - Frances Marcus, J. Hood Wright Playground.
5. Hand Puppetry - Larry Klepper, Highbridge Playground.
6. Hungarian Dance - Xylophone Solo - Arthur Knight, Dry Harbor Playground.
7. Jo Jo the Clown - Al Gosh, Roosevelt Playground.
8. Magic to Music - Sonny Erens, 28th Street Gymnasium.
9. Scherzo - Accordion Solo - Frances Marcus, J. Hood Wright Playground.
10. Menta-Magic - Israel Krenzel, Tompkins Square Park.
11. Smart Magic - Sol Stein, Mullaly Playground.
12. Closing - CHILDREN'S ORCHESTRA - Triumphal March
The Army Air Corps - Saxophone Quartet - Solo
Introduction to Act 3 - Lohengrin
Anchors Aweigh - Vocal Solo, Eloise Belloso,
J. Hood Wright Playground
Sunday, Monday and Always - Vocal Solo,
Richard Macagna
Pistol Packing Mama
For Me and My Gal
America

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FOR RELEASE Friday,
October 8, 1943

*Del 10/1/43 10 AM
2 to PK Arsenal at 245 Madison
1 to New Sub. at home.*

The Department of Parks announces that, to date, over 6,610 boys and girls, between the ages of 10 and 18, have entered the New York Foundation Fall Sports Tournament.

Eliminations have already started with 1904 games in volley ball and handball contested in various playgrounds before a total spectator audience of 21,200 people.

The tournament will run through October, November and December. Competitors may enter as many events as they desire. There is no entry fee.

Entry blanks are available at all neighborhood parks and playgrounds. These should be filled out and forwarded to one of the borough offices listed below.

Entry blanks are still being accepted for:

Roller Hockey Closing date: October 15

Touch Football Closing date: November 1

\$10.00 in War Stamps is the prize for city-wide winners. There will also be valuable prizes for borough and district winners. These prizes were made possible by the generosity of the New York Foundation through the good offices of the Park Association of New York City, Inc.

MANHATTAN: Mr. P. J. Cruise
Arsenal Building
64 Street & Fifth Avenue, #21

BROOKLYN: Mr. R. C. Jenkins
Litchfield Mansion
Prospect Park West & Fifth Street, #15

QUEENS: Mr. J. J. Mallen
The Overlook
Union Turnpike & Park Lane
Forest Park, Kew Gardens, #15

BRONX: Mr. George L. Quigley
Bronx Park East & Birchall Avenue, #10

RICHMOND: Mr. A. M. Anderson
Clove Lakes Park
1150 Clove Road
West New Brighton
Staten Island 1, N. Y.

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Dec 10/1/43 - 3:07

FOR RELEASE Saturday,
October 2, 1943

Mr H.

The Department of Parks announces that on Saturday, October 2, the ice and roller rinks of the New York City Building, Flushing Meadow Park, Queens, will open for the 1943-44 season.

The roller rink, 150 feet long and 116 feet wide, has been sanded for the new season and skaters will find the floor in ideal condition. The ice skating surface, 178 feet long and 116 feet wide, will be maintained in the same excellent condition as in previous years.

Special programs for both the ice and roller rinks have been planned and patrons will find an interesting and diversified program for every evening session of the week. Music planned and played for skaters will be furnished again this year by Walter Litt at the console of the electric organ.

There will be daily skating periods from 2:30 to 5:30 in the afternoon and from 7:30 to 11 in the evening. Admission charges remain the same as before, twenty cents for the afternoon sessions and forty cents for the evening period. In addition to these sessions there will be the usual free period for youngsters under fourteen years of age every Saturday morning from 9:30 to 12 Noon. The admission price includes the use of roller skates and Federal tax. A charge of fifty cents is made for the rental of ice skates while shoe rollers can be rented for twenty-five cents. There is no charge for checking wearing apparel. On the skating floor there is a cafeteria where food and refreshments are sold at reasonable prices.

The City Building can be reached conveniently from any point in the City.

The following transportation lines are available:

IRT and BMT lines to 111th Street Station.

Flushing Ridgewood Trolley to 52 Avenue, walk one block north to park.

Independent Subway, local train "GG" to Grand Avenue, then Flushing

Ridgewood Trolley to Horace Harding Boulevard and Grand Central Parkway.

Walk north to park.

Automobiles can enter the park and reach the City Building parking fields at the following gates: 111th Street and 54 Avenue and Roosevelt Avenue, east of Grand Central Parkway.

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FOR RELEASE

Sept. 1943

The Department of Parks announces the opening of a new playground at 225 Street and White Plains Road, the Bronx.

This area is the second of nine park projects left in various stages of incompleteness by the W.P.A. and being completed by contract to protect work already done, to be thrown open to the public.

Substantially completed except for the comfort station this new one and a quarter acre playground site was acquired in 1941 by the City for school and recreational purposes. The Board of Education removed the old one and a half frame school annex adjacent to the playground and added a wing to the old two story brick building.

The new playground will be used for both school and neighborhood recreation. It will be operated by the Board of Education during school hours and at all other times by the Department of Parks for community usage. A one-quarter acre parcel of the old school property located north of the new school wing has been included in the playground development.

Sixteen one to three story brick and frame structures were removed by the W.P.A. in preparation for the new work. The L-shaped area is enclosed and subdivided into five concrete surfaced rectangular units by chain link fence. Gate controlled entrances connect the various units and provide access from the school grounds and adjacent streets.

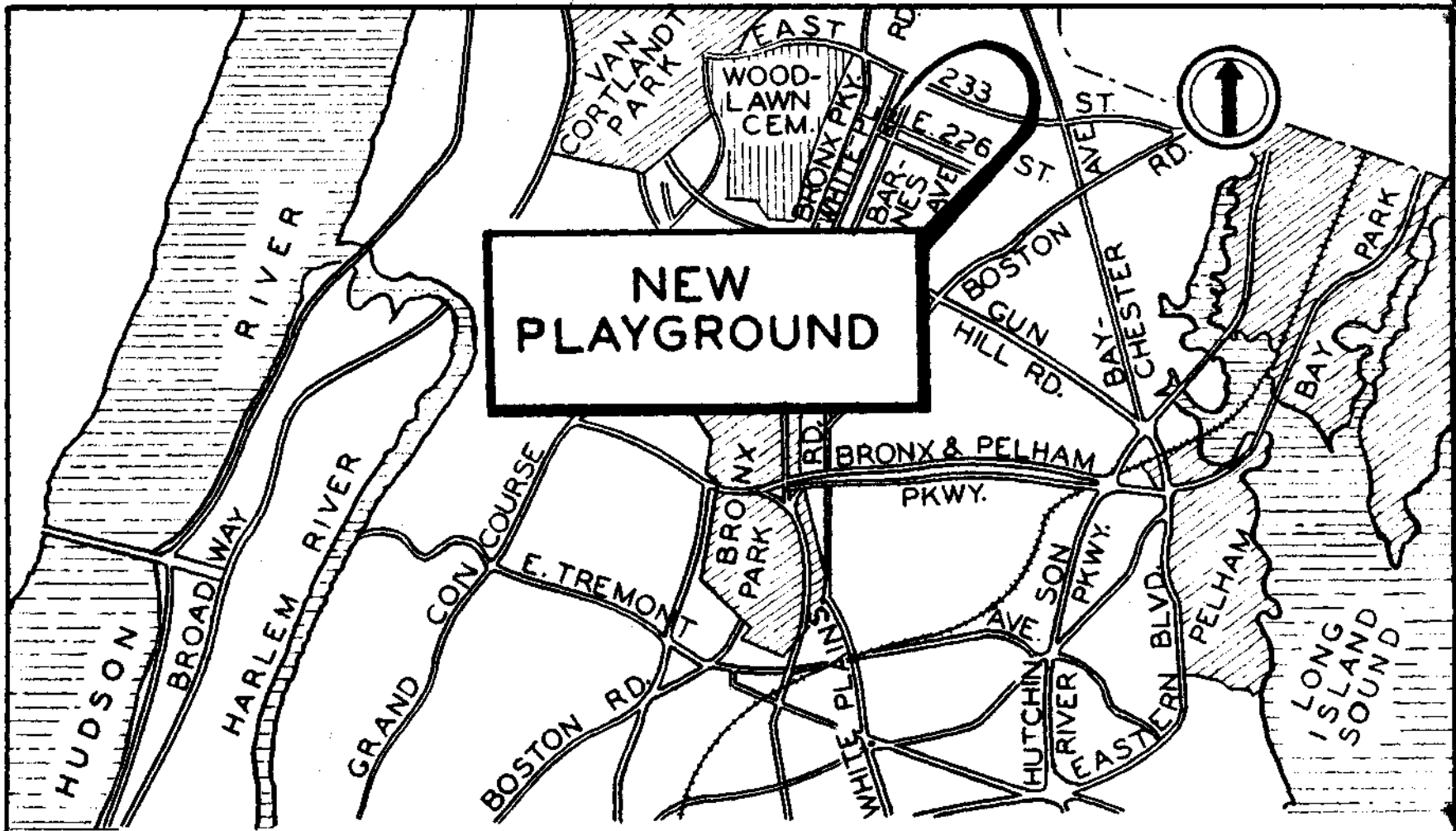
A court games area developed on the old school grounds contains a combination volley ball and basketball court, three paddle tennis courts and two shuffleboard courts. Adjacent to this area is a wading pool and two handball courts. Two play areas containing the typical pieces of apparatus lie between the school house and a combination softball diamond and free play area.

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In 1934 there were 119 playgrounds in the five boroughs, 67 of which have been reconstructed. There will be, with this new addition, 488 playgrounds in the park system.

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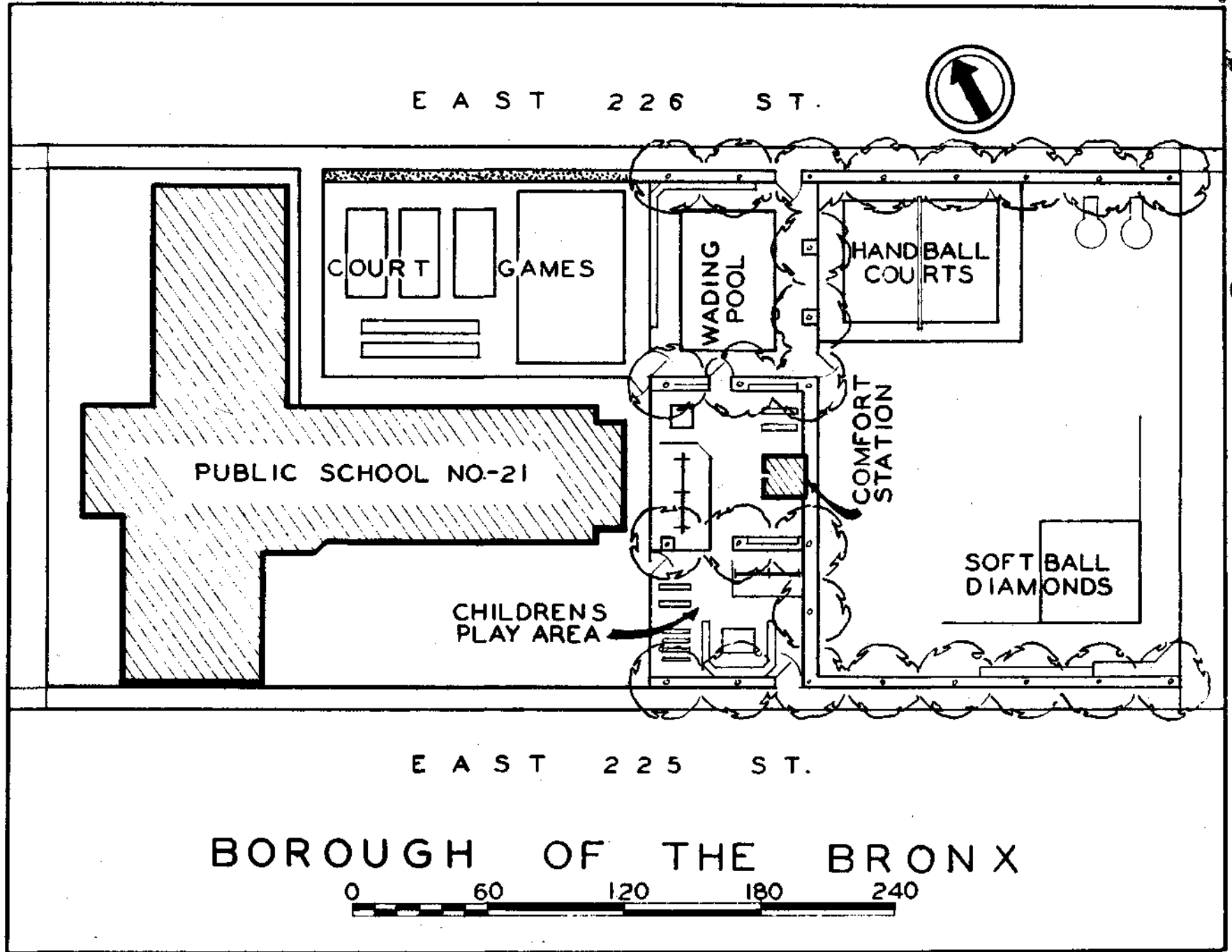
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FOR RELEASE Thursday,
September 23, 1943

*Del 9/21/43
5:15 PM*

The Department of Parks announces a concert to be given by the Columbia University Band, on the Mall, Central Park, Friday, September 24, at 8:30 P.M.

The band is under the leadership of Harwood Simmons, Associate in Music at Columbia University. The program will include marches, popular airs, folk songs and other selections from such well known composers as Ponchielli, Bizet, Schuman, Handel, Strauss, Zimmerman and R. V. Williams.

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FOR RELEASE Wednesday,
September 22, 1943

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9/21/43*

The Department of Parks announces that the fall harvests at the ten Park Department Children's Gardens in the five boroughs are under way. On Thursday afternoon, September 23, at 3:30 P.M., the Seward Park Gardens will hold its harvest.

Seward Park, at East Broadway and Canal Street, is on the lower East Side of the City, a congested section where one is not likely to see vegetables growing. The crops to be harvested by the children from their individual 4' x 8' plots are: corn, beans, carrots, Swiss chard, beets and kohlrabi. Other small plots were planted with flowers.

The seeds, tools and instruction in gardening are furnished by the Department of Parks as **part** of its annual recreation program.

Children from the garden club of the Educational Alliance will also participate in the harvesting of the crops.

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*Delivered 9/17/43
10:30 AM*

The Department of Parks announces that the finals of the Second Annual Harvest Dance Contest will be held on the Mall, Central Park, Monday evening, September 20, at 8:30 P.M. In the event of rain the contest will be held at the same location on the following night.

During the past few weeks, preliminary contests were held in each of the five boroughs. These dance contests included entries in the Waltz, Fox Trot, Rhumba, Jitterbug and Waltz for Old Timers. All divisions attracted a large entry with the exception of the division for Old Timers of which each member of the dance team must be at least 60 years of age.

There was keen spectator interest at all preliminaries and large groups came from various neighborhoods to support their local champions. These borough champions will now compete for the City-wide Park Department Championship on Monday evening, September 20, 1943.

A total of 66 couples have been entered for the finals and it is expected that a large audience will turn out to witness this terpsichorean contest.

The judges will include the following outstanding authorities: Oscar Duryea, Director of Duryea Dancing Studios; Florence Doughty, Director of the Florence Doughty Dance Studios; Arthur Murray, Arthur Murray School of Dancing and Donald Sawyer, Director of the Sawyer Dance Studios.

The Olympic Point Scoring System will be used in judging and the following factors will be included in the scoring: Posture and Appearance, Tempo and Rhythm, Proper Execution and Variety.

There will be a contest for the best all round dancing team. A special feature contest will be the Championship of the Service Men's Division in which all branches of the service will be represented. The winners of all contests will receive War Bonds.

The Name Band selected to play for the occasion will be Joe Marsala and his orchestra. Music will be amplified by WNYC and will be broadcast from 9:30 until 10 P.M. Also present as invited guests and honorary judges will be Mayor LaGuardia, Park Commissioner Robert Moses, Major General T. A. Terry, U.S.A., Commanding General, 2nd Service Command, Hon. Alfred E. Smith, and Colonel Oscar H. Fogg, Chairman, Executive Committee, Consolidated Edison System Companies.

This contest will bring to a close a series of 54 Name Band concerts and dances provided through the cooperation of the Consolidated Edison System Companies. It was estimated that one half million persons enjoyed these dances during the past summer.

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FOR RELEASE Sunday,
September 5, 1943

del 7/9/43

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The Department of Parks announces the following schedule of dances by the Consolidated Edison Name Band Orchestras:

- September 6 - Jack Jenny at Leiv Eiriksson Playground, 8th Avenue and 66th Street, Brooklyn
- September 7 - Jerry Wald at Jewell Playground, Jewell Avenue and Utopia Parkway, Flushing, Queens
- September 8 - Jerry Wald at Van Cortlandt Park, 242nd Street and Broadway, Bronx
- September 9 - Jerry Wald at The Mall, Central Park, Manhattan
- September 10 - Jerry Wald at Prospect Park, Brooklyn

During the past month, elimination dance contests have been held for eligibility to compete in the final dance contest which will be held on the Mall, Central Park, September 20th at 8:30 P.M. Valuable prizes will be awarded to the winners of the Fox Trot, Waltz, Rhumba, Jitterbug and Waltz for Old Timers.

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Feb. 9/3/43

Mr. H. H. H. H. H.
FOR RELEASE Sunday,
September 5, 1943

2:30 P.M.

The Department of Parks announces the last of a series of four Naumburg Memorial concerts will be given on the Mall, Central Park, on Labor Day, September 6, at 8:15 P.M.

This concert series is contributed by Mr. Walter Naumburg and Mr. George W. Naumburg, in memory of their father Elkan Naumburg, who donated the bandstand on the Mall.

This concert will be given by the Naumburg orchestra, with Eugene Plotnikoff as conductor, and William Horne as the tenor soloist. The program will include various well known selections by Gomez, Dvorak, Brahms-Dvorak, Rimsky-Korsakoff, Strauss, Berlin and Gershwin.

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 For Release IMMEDIATE

*Del. 9/1/43
 Sent to Study 9/1/43*

Apparently the Associated Press has reported that I am coordinating a survey of postwar public works for the City of Portland, Oregon, and surrounding territory. The facts are as follows:

The Kaiser interests at Portland, Oregon, asked me recently if I would recommend consulting engineers to make plans for postwar arterial and related improvements in and around Portland, Oregon. Mr. Edgar Kaiser told me that they expected serious unemployment after the war, and that they wanted to have a large public works program designed and ready for letting of contracts to employ people released from shipping and other war plants in the demobilization period. The Governor of Oregon, the Mayor of Portland and other public officials then discussed the matter and it was finally agreed that I would review and coordinate a study to be made by competent engineers whom I recommended and by attorneys who will look into the possibility of self-liquidating projects.

The City of Portland, County of Multnomah, Port of Portland, Dock Commission of Portland and other agencies are paying for the survey which has already begun and will be completed within sixty days. Those recommended as consultants include people in private practice and in government service who will be on leave for only a short time.

They include:

W. Earle Andrews, Consulting Engineer

Gilmore D. Clarke, Consulting Engineer and
 Landscape Architect

J. J. Darcy, District Engineer, New York State
 Department of Public Works

Lewis L. Delafield, Jr., Attorney of the firm of
 Hawkins, Delafield and Longfellow

James F. Evans, Director of State Parks

John C. Evans, Chief Engineer, Port of New York
 Authority

Shortridge Hardesty, Consulting Engineer of the
 firm of Waddell & Hardesty

A. E. Howland, Chief Engineer, Long Island State
 Park Commission

Richard V. Hyland, Consulting Engineer of the firm
 of Madigan-Hyland

Raymond P. McNulty, Attorney of the firm of
 Corner, Bell, Russell & McNulty

Sidney Shapiro, Deputy Chief Engineer of the
 Long Island State Park Commission

George E. Spargo, Executive Officer of the New
 York City Department of Parks

Harry Taylor, Assistant General Manager of the
 Triborough Bridge Authority

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Del. 8/28/43 10 30 AM

Part 4

The Department of Parks announces a Harvest Dance Contest for novice dance teams, open to all novice dancers who are at least 16 years of age, and a special division for men of the Armed Forces. The five divisions will be the Fox Trot, the Waltz, the Rhumba, Jitterbug, and Waltz for Old Timers. In the Waltz for Old Timers, the age of each team member must be at least 60 years, but the ages of the individuals will not be published.

Entries are being received at the five borough offices of the Park Department, particularly from those dance areas that have enjoyed the city-wide program of social dancing, which the Department of Parks has been conducting in the parks of the five boroughs all summer.

Park Department Borough Offices:

- MANHATTAN - Arsenal Building, 64 Street & Fifth Avenue
- BROOKLYN - Litchfield Mansion, Prospect Park
- BRONX - Bronx Park East & Birchall Avenue
- QUEENS - The Overlook, Kew Gardens, Forest Park
- RICHMOND - Clove Lakes, New Brighton, Staten Island

No change of partners will be permitted after an application is filed. Acrobatic, stunt, and trick novelty dances will be barred. War Bonds and other valuable prizes will be awarded the city-wide champions. Borough winners will also be given handsome awards, donated by the Consolidated Edison System Companies. No contestant may win more than two War Bonds.

The following are the dates and locations of the elimination contests in the respective boroughs:

- QUEENS - Playground at 30 Road and 45 Street - - - Tuesday, August 31
- BRONX - Poe Park, 192 Street and Grand Concourse- Wednesday, Sept. 1
- MANHATTAN - The Mall, Central Park - - - - - Thursday, Sept. 2
- RICHMOND - McDonald Playground, West Brighton - - - Thursday, Sept. 2
- BROOKLYN - Prospect Park New Bandshell - - - - - Friday, Sept. 3

The winners in the borough eliminations will be eligible to compete in the finals that are to be held on the Mall, Central Park, Tuesday, Sept. 21, 1943.

Music for both the preliminaries and the finals will be provided by Name Band Orchestras under the sponsorship of the Consolidated Edison System Companies.

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FOR RELEASE Friday,
August 27, 1943

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Del 8/25/43
130 PM

The Department of Parks announces that the city-wide finals of the checkers tournament will take place on Saturday, August 28, 2:00 P.M., at Heckscher Playground, Central Park, to be followed by the chess finals on Sunday, August 29, at the same location and the same hour. The junior group consists of boys and girls, who have not reached their 17th birthday, while the senior group are those 17 years and over.

Each borough has been conducting preliminary matches in each of these divisions for the past three weeks to determine its two best players for the city-wide finals.

Gold and silver pins will be awarded to the first and second place winners in each division at the finals. Bronze pins will be given to borough winners.

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FOR RELEASE THURSDAY,
AUGUST 26, 1943

Del. 8/25/43
1:30 P.M.

The Department of Parks announces the city finals of the Jacks Contest for girls will be played at Heckscher Playground, Central Park, on Thursday, August 26, at 2:00 P.M.

The finalists will be chosen from two divisions. The first is the Midget division for girls up through nine years of age. The second group are girls from 10 to 15 years of age.

Eliminations have been taking place during the past few weeks in the playgrounds throughout the five boroughs. The best player in each division of the five boroughs will compete on Thursday for the title of City Champion.

Gold pins will be awarded to the finalists in each division, and silver pins to the runner-up. Bronze pins will be awarded to the borough winners.

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FOR RELEASE Tuesday,
August 24, 1943

The Department of Parks announces that the city-wide finals in the Military and the Novice Events in the Park Association of New York City Fourth Annual Sports Tournament, will take place on Tuesday, August 24, and Wednesday, August 25, at Astoria Pool, 19 Street and 23 Drive, Queens, at 6:30 P.M.

The novice competitions will include 13 different events for children of various ages up to 17 years. Trial heats in these events were conducted at 16 of the park pools in the various boroughs beginning on July 14 and ending on August 11. The contestants, who will meet at Astoria Pool on the 24th, are the winners of the 2,386 boys and girls, who entered these meets.

The military competitions are divided into four events. They are the 100 meters free style, 50 meters back stroke, 50 meters breast stroke and diving.

Medals, donated by the Park Association of New York City, will be awarded the winners for 1,2, and 3rd places.

These championships will bring to a close the Park Association of New York City Fourth Annual Tournament. At the conclusion of the swimming events, awards consisting of trophies, War Bonds and War Stamps will be presented to the winners of the Municipal Golf and Tennis Championships. In addition, medals will be presented to the winners of the local tournaments in tennis and the novice winners of the various pool eliminations.

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FOR RELEASE Sunday,
August 22, 1943

del 8/19/43

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The Department of Parks announces the schedule of 7 more Name Band Orchestras which will play in various large parks and playgrounds of the city during the period of August 23-31, as part of the second Consolidated Edison Company Summer Concert and Dance Program in cooperation with the Department of Parks. All dances will start at 8:30 P.M.

Such popular orchestras as Cab Calloway, Bobbie Sherwood, Willie Farmer and Joe Venuti are included in this period. Following is the schedule of appearances:

- August 23 - Bobbie Sherwood at Colonial Park, Bradhurst Avenue and 153 Street, Manhattan
- August 24 - Bobbie Sherwood at Marconi Playground, 155 Street and 108 Avenue, Jamaica, Queens
- August 25 - Bobbie Sherwood at Poe Park, 192 Street and Grand Concourse, The Bronx
- August 26 - Cab Calloway at the Mall, Central Park, Manhattan
- August 27 - Willie Farmer at Prospect Park, Brooklyn
- August 30 - Joe Venuti at Bushwick Playground, Knickerbocker and Putnam Avenues, Brooklyn
- August 31 - Joe Venuti at Playground, 30 Road and 45 Street, Queens

The schedule of other Name Bands in this series will be announced as soon as the necessary arrangements have been completed.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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FOR RELEASE Friday,
August 20, 1943

Del 8/19/43

The Department of Parks announces that the city-wide finals of the horseshoe pitching tournament, singles and doubles for boys and men, 17 years of age and over, will take place at Meckscher Playground, 62 Street and West Drive, Central Park, on Saturday, August 21, at 2:00 P.M.

Several hundred have participated in the preliminaries, conducted at the 480 horseshoe pitching courts of the Park Department, throughout the five boroughs, during the past three weeks.

Five doubles teams and five singles players, all of them winners of their respective borough contests will compete for the city-wide championship on Saturday afternoon.

Handsome trophies will be awarded the city champion in each division.

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The Department of Parks announces that 1100 girls ranging in age from 8 to 16 years and representing various playgrounds throughout the borough of Brooklyn, will participate in the 23th Annual Dance Festival on Saturday, August 21, at 2 P.M., on the Long Meadow, Prospect Park, Brooklyn.

For the past seven weeks, the children have attended regularly the various instruction classes in designated playgrounds, where they have been taught the intricate dance steps, which require grace and rhythm in coordination to bring about that precision in execution so necessary in group dancing. They have also been instructed in making their costumes for these dances.

This year's festival program will consist of nine dance numbers and music by the Coast Guard Band, under the leadership of Tom McLaury. On the day of the festival, Long Meadow will be a kaleidoscope of colors, with United Nations folk costumes mingling with the outfits of miniature soldiers, sailors, marines and war workers.

The program on the Meadow will open with the singing of the "Star Spangled Banner" by the children and the spectators. At the close of the dance program, the costumed children will parade to the Picnic Grounds for refreshments.

The Department of Parks extends a cordial welcome to the general public to witness this annual affair.

The dances to be presented are:

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| 1. "Marines" | Children from Sunset Playground |
| 2. "Sailors" | Children from Bay Ridge Playgrounds |
| 3. "Soldiers" | Children from Boro Hall Playgrounds |
| 4. "Swing Shift" | Children from Greenpoint Playgrounds |
| 5. "Chinese Dance" | Children from Bushwick Playgrounds |
| 6. "English Dance" | Children from Williamsburg Playgrounds |
| 7. "Russian Dance" | Children from Flatbush Playgrounds |
| 8. "Salute to the Services" | Children from Bensonhurst Playgrounds |
| 9. "All American" | Children from Brownsville Playgrounds |

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Mr. Hensley
FOR RELEASE WEDNESDAY,
AUGUST 18, 1943

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The Park Department has been receiving many telephone calls a day from the public for the past 10 days, asking for help in the elimination of caterpillars which are destroying trees in their backyards.

Investigation shows the caterpillar is larvae of the Fall Web Worm, scientifically known as the Hyphantria Cunea. The infestation is the heaviest for the past five years. The moths which vary considerably in color from the pure white to a white spotted with black, appear in July and lay their clusters of yellowish eggs on the underside of the leaves. As the larvae feed, they spin silken webs of light texture, which later on become of great size and very unsightly.

At the present time, the larvae are full grown and within a week enter into the ground to pupate and hibernate.

If the trees in the backyards had been sprayed in the middle of July, and again two weeks later, these insects could have been controlled. However, where trees have not been entirely defoliated spraying would help eradicate the pest and save the foliage. The spray solution recommended is 5 pounds of Arsenate of Lead to 100 gallons of water. Where very small trees are to be sprayed, 1 tablespoon of Arsenate of Lead to a gallon of water is recommended.

The Park Department cannot do work on private property.

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FOR RELEASE Wednesday
August 18, 1943

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Del. 8/17/43

The Department of Parks announces the completion and opening of a new playground at 234 Street and Bailey Avenue, The Bronx.

This area is one of nine park projects left in various stages of incompleteness by the W.P.A. and which are being completed by contract to protect work already done.

About 90% completed by the W.P.A., the three acre playground located west of the New York Central Putnam Division was originally acquired for school purposes in 1929 and was assigned in 1941 to the Department of Parks.

The playground is enclosed by eight foot chain link fence with two entrances from West 234 Street. The south half of the park is sub-divided into four units by tree planted block paved malls. The general play surface is of concrete. The wading pool and comfort station area is flanked by two narrow units of play apparatus for preschool and older children. The slides and seesaws in the preschool section are supplemented with a sandpit and swings. A pipe frame exercise unit, swings and slides have also been provided. The court games area contains three handball courts and three bocci courts.

The north half of the park separated from the apparatus and pool area by an eight foot chain link fence is paved with concrete and laid out with a softball diamond and hooded backstop. The area may also be used for roller skating and free play.

The contract not only included the installation of the play equipment but also provided for the completion of the comfort station, laying granite blocks, erection of a flagpole, construction of a concrete retaining wall, erection of a chain link fence and the planting of shade trees.

In 1934 there were 119 playgrounds in the five boroughs, 67 of which have been reconstructed. There will be with this new addition 438 playgrounds in the park system.

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MEMORANDUM
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

Date August 16, 1943

TO: ~~Mr. Spargo~~

FROM: Mr. Heaslip

Prepare reply for my signature

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MEMORANDUM
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
CITY OF NEW YORK

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TO: George E. Spargo

August 11, 1943

FROM: Gustave Chirlan

SUBJECT: Playground - 234th Street
and Bailey Avenue - Bronx

An inspection was held at this playground today, at which Quigley was also present.

There are several minor clean-up and adjustment items to be done which the Contractor will complete by Friday, the 13th.

Quigley is making arrangements to open the playground area to the public on Saturday, August 14th.

Work in the comfort station should be completed in about one week from this date.

G. Chirlan
Engineer of Construction.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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FOR RELEASE Tuesday,
August 17, 1943

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The Department of Parks announces the birth of a baby llama at the Central Park Zoo, Manhattan, on August 16, 1943.

The father of the baby llama is "Rachet" and the mother "Blackie". The father was born in the Central Park Zoo, August 5, 1934. The mother now nine years old, was acquired in July 1939.

Photographs may be taken at any time.

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City Edition
Sports Columnists

The Department of Parks announces that the city-wide finals in the A.A.U. and Municipal Swimming Events in the Park Association of New York City Fourth Annual Sports Tournament will take place on Tuesday, August 17, and Wednesday, August 18, at Astoria Pool, 19 Street and 23 Drive, Queens, at 6:30 P.M.

In the A.A.U. competitions for men, the New York State Championships will be decided in the 100 meter free style, 100 meter back stroke, 200 meter breast stroke, springboard diving and the pentathlon.

In the women's division the contestants will contend for the Senior Metropolitan Championships in the 100 meter free style, 100 meter back stroke, 200 meter breast stroke, 300 meter medley relay, 400 meter free style relay, springboard diving and the pentathlon.

The pentathlon events for both divisions are as follows, 100 meter free style, 100 meter back stroke, 100 meter breast stroke, 150 meter medley, springboard diving, 3 meter board, 3 optionals.

In the Metropolitan Championships for Women foremost among the entries is Florence Schmitt, who within recent months reached the age of 12 and has garnered such titles as Junior Metropolitan quarter mile, Junior National 220, Junior National long distance and on August 7, the Senior National long distance of 3 miles. She is prepared to compete in the 100 meter free style, back stroke and the pentathlon.

Anne Ross, representing the Dragon Club of Brooklyn, the Women's National 1 meter and 3 meter outdoor diving champion and holder of the New York State crown will be present to defend her title.

The 100 meter free style will have Marilyn Sahner, representing the W.S.A. as defending champion meeting such contenders as Marie Corridon, Phoebe Rosen, Kathryn Wernert and June Dooling.

Mike Priano, U.S. Navy Preflight School, Troy, New York, National long distance champion, winner of the National 300 meter medley relay, will defend his title in the pentathlon. One of the serious contenders for this title will be Eugene Rogers, the New York State senior 400 meter free style champion, representing the New York Athletic Club.

Two more representatives of the New York Athletic Club will defend their titles; Jack Smith, New York State 3 meter diving champion and Floyd Aglieppi, New York State back stroke champion.

The Municipal Employees champions, Father Knickerbocker's fire-eaters are expected to repeat last year's performance.

There will be no admission charge and the public is cordially welcome.

Medals, donated by the New York City Park Association, will be awarded the winners for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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FOR RELEASE Saturday,
August 14, 1943

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The Department of Parks announces that the city-wide semi-finals and finals in the Municipal Tennis Championships of the Park Association of New York City Fourth Annual Sports Tournament will take place on Saturday, August 14, and Sunday, August 15, at Central Park, 93 Street and West Drive, Manhattan, at 11 A.M.

The quarter finalists in each division from the five boroughs have been engaged in keenly contested matches at the Central Park Courts. The contestants who have survived these games are those who will meet in the semi-finals and finals.

The women's singles division will be strictly a family affair. Natasha Irwin, a former winner, will vie for top honors with her own pupil and daughter, Nina Irwin. This engagement will take place Saturday, August 14, at 2 P.M. Both have been paired for the women's doubles as a serious threat to Ingrid Lakatos and Grace Rothberg.

Among the contestants for the men's singles title is Teddy Schein, winner of last year's borough of Manhattan title and member of the U.S. Army. One of the most difficult hurdles will be Phil Rubel of Brooklyn, an outstanding contender in past tournaments.

The men's doubles assumes the same complexion as last year. Teddy Schein, a member of last year's winning city-wide doubles, paired with Ralph Axelrod, a quarter finalist in the past 2 city-wide tournaments, will find strenuous competition in Randy Rothstein and Bernard Levy, second place titlists of last year.

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FOR RELEASE Saturday,
August 14, 1943

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The Department of Parks announces the birth of a buffalo and an Asiatic deer in the Prospect Park Zoo, Brooklyn, on August 11, 1943.

The father of the female buffalo calf is "Nickel" and the mother "Nিকেlette", both of whom were born in the Central Park Zoo in 1937 and transferred to the Prospect Park Zoo in 1938.

The father and the mother of the Asiatic fawn are unnamed members of a herd donated to the Zoo in 1941.

Photographs may be taken at any time.

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FOR RELEASE Wednesday,
August 11, 1943

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The Department of Parks announces the schedule of 8 more Name Band Orchestras which will play in various large parks and playgrounds of the city during the period of August 11 to 20, as part of the second Consolidated Edison Company Summer Concert and Dance Program, in cooperation with the Department of Parks. At the completion of this group there will be 17 more dance concerts, remaining out of a total of 54, which began on July 1.

Such popular orchestras as Shep Fields, Cootie Williams, Will Osborne and Gracie Barrie are included in this period. Following is the schedule of appearances:

- August 11 - Cootie Williams at Van Cortlandt Park, Bronx
242 Street and Broadway(Tennis Courts)
- August 12 - Will Osborne at The Mall, Central Park, Manhattan
- August 13 - Will Osborne at Prospect Park, Brooklyn
- August 16 - Shep Fields at Broadway and 78 Street, Jackson Heights,
Queens
- August 17 - Gracie Barrie at Marconi Playground, 155 Street and
108 Avenue, Jamaica
- August 18 - Gracie Barrie at Poe Park, 192 St. & Grand Concourse,
Bronx
- August 19 - Gracie Barrie at The Mall, Central Park, Manhattan
- August 20 - Gracie Barrie at Prospect Park, Brooklyn

The schedule of other Name Bands in this series will be announced as soon as the necessary arrangements have been completed.

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FOR RELEASE Tuesday,
August 10, 1943

The two final concerts sponsored by the Associate Committee of the League of Composers in cooperation with the Department of Parks will be held on the Mall, Central Park, on Tuesday, August 10, and in the Music Grove, Prospect Park, Brooklyn, on Wednesday, August 11. Both concerts will begin at 8:30 P.M. The youthful orchestra of the National Orchestral Association, under the direction of Leon Barzin, will appear together with a chorus and three young soloists, Rodolfo Cornejo, Carol Brice, and Frances Magnes.

Mr. Cornejo will play the piano part of his own "Phillipine Rhapsody #2" for piano and orchestra. Frances Magnes, violinist, will present the Bruch Violin Concerto, while Carol Brice, contralto, will perform with the chorus and orchestra in the first performance on the east coast of Douglas Moore's setting of the "Prayer for the United Nations" which was written by Stephen Vincent Benet for President Roosevelt.

To date, 30,000 people have enjoyed these performances.

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FOR RELEASE Saturday,
August 7, 1943

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Subjects
Champions

The Department of Parks announces that the city-wide finals in the Municipal Golf Championship for women and junior boys of the Park Association of New York City Fourth Annual Sports Tournament will start on Sunday, August 8, at Dyker Beach Golf Course, 86 Street and 7 Avenue, Brooklyn, at 9 A.M.

Ten of the women taking part in this tournament are the champions from the ten Municipal Courses and the other ten are their runners-up as a result of an 18 holes of Medal play held on July 11 on all park golf courses.

"Tex" Fullen, winner from Split Rock and second place city-wide winner of 1942 will be hard pressed by "Pat" Shanahan of Mosholu Golf Course, a city-wide winner of 1940-41. A third contender of no mean ability will be Annette Reyle, Municipal Champion of 1937-38-39.

In the junior boys' division, Marvin Goldenberg of Forest Park, holder of 2nd place in the city-wide finals of 1942 is the leading contender. Although most of the remaining contestants are newcomers to these championships, keen competition is expected on the basis of their showing in Medal plays, conducted on all park courses, July 19.

Valuable prizes, donated by the Park Association of New York City, will be awarded the winner and runner-up in each division.

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FOR RELEASE

Wednesday,
August 4, 1943

Mr. Hoelie

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I suppose there has to be a lunatic fringe attached

to every public body, a few scheming fanatics who are eager to get publicity and not much concerned about contributing anything to the public good.

At yesterday's meeting of the Council this fringe was busy shouting about the lack of play facilities in Harlem and blaming the riot on the indifference of the Administration to the recreation needs of Harlem.

The fact is that Harlem has not been overlooked, neglected or discriminated against. The tendency has been in just the opposite direction, that is, trends giving more attention to Harlem than to other sections which are in just as great need of recreation, including other sections into which colored people in large numbers have moved, creating unexpected problems of overcrowding.

Harlem had 9 playgrounds before the LaGuardia Administration came into being in 1934. Today it has 29. We have completely reconstructed areas previously grossly neglected, such as Colonial Park. Colonial Park was laid out by the same landscape architects who made the plans for Central Park in the last century. It was a kind of country estate and was beaten to pieces by the influx of tenement dwellers. This area was completely reconstructed by us. It has, among other things, one of the finest swimming pools to be found anywhere in the country. It has playgrounds for all ages and a music shell and dance area.

When Harlem Houses were established, responsibility for providing recreation fell on the Park Department. We not only provided a play area along the River, but we obtained the use of the Board of Transportation property to the south and developed this into another playground.

For several years no school plans have been made without provisions for additional play space. At the insistence of the Park Department an entire block front on Fifth Avenue was bought to round out an inadequate school playground.

In the two additional postwar public housing projects in Harlem, to which I have personally devoted an immense amount of attention, adequate play facilities are provided and several playgrounds, including a large active play and sports arena, are included in the plans for the Harlem River Drive. There is just one reason why the new playgrounds in the housing development and along the Harlem River Drive are not completed and in use, and that is the war, which resulted in priorities and a stoppage of all construction. Certainly this cannot be blamed on the Administration, the City Planning Commission or the Park Department.

When the Triborough Bridge was built, I insisted on provision of playgrounds along the approaches and the conversion of the whole of Randall's Island into a park easily accessible to the residents of Harlem.

We did succeed in getting priorities for one very important recreation project, which is of great value to Harlem, and that is the reconstruction of the whole of the northeast end of Central Park. This was another area which could not be maintained and policed under present conditions and which had to be reconstructed so as to provide more active play facilities, less landscaping and a more formal design which would lend itself better to control and preservation of order. This work was begun as a WPA project. When the WPA was withdrawn, funds and priorities were obtained to finish the work by contract. It is true that this work proceeds slowly because the contractor also is handicapped by war conditions, but it is just tripe to say that this or any other matter of recreation

affecting Harlem has been neglected, and only irresponsible demagogues would make such an assertion.

Unlike these demagogues and loose talkers, I have no patent solution for the problems of this area. I believe in plugging along from day to day with possible improvements, with patience and understanding, and with a realization that those who shout for the millennium, agitate, exaggerate grievances and make promises which cannot be kept, are at bottom responsible for the kind of trouble illustrated by the recent Harlem riot. The Greeks were not so dumb when they invented the system of ostracism. Maybe we could get rid of some of our phonies under the Lend-Lease Act.

Del. City Editor

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The Department of Parks announces that after careful study of the usage of Rockaway bathing beaches and because of the heavy demand for surf casting, additional areas have been set aside at Bay 1, Jacob Riis Park and Beach 82, 109 and 149 Streets, Rockaway Beach, Queens.

A complete list of fishing areas, their season and hours of operation, is as follows:

QUEENS

- Cross Bay Boulevard Bridge - daylight hours, all year
- *Rockaway Beach, Beach 17 to Beach 19 Streets - dawn to 8 A.M.
- *Rockaway Beach, Beach 19 to Beach 23 Streets - daylight hours
- *Rockaway Beach, Beach 23 to Beach 73 Streets - dawn to 8 A.M.
- *Rockaway Beach, Beach 82 Street - 6 P.M. to dark
- *Rockaway Beach, Beach 109 Street - 6 P.M. to dark
- *Rockaway Beach, Beach 126 to Beach 149 Streets - dawn to 8 A.M.
- *Rockaway Beach, Beach 149 Street - 6 P.M. to dark
- *Jacob Riis Park, Bay 1 - 6 P.M. to dark
- *Jacob Riis Park, Bay 13 - dawn to 8 A.M.
- Jacob Riis Park, North Shore - daylight hours, all year
- Francis Lewis Park, East River & 147 Street - daylight hours, all year
- Little Neck Bay, along shore of Belt Parkway - daylight hours, all year
- Flushing Bay, along shore of Grand Central Parkway - daylight hours, all year

RICHMOND

- *Wolfe's Pond Beach - October to May, daylight hours
- *South Beach - October to May, daylight hours

MANHATTAN

- Southwest corner of Randall's Island - daylight hours, all year
- 107 Street Pier, Harlem River - daylight hours, all year
- Hudson River at 83 Street - daylight hours, all year
- Hudson River at 92 Street - daylight hours, all year
- Hudson River at 106 Street - daylight hours, all year
- Hudson River, foot of 177 Street - daylight hours, all year
- Hudson River, 100 feet north of Dyckman Street - daylight hours, all year
- Hudson River, north of Dyckman Street Ball Fields - daylight hours, all year

BRONX

- Twin Island, Pelham Bay Park - daylight hours, all year
- Talapoosa Point, Pelham Bay Park - daylight hours, all year
- North of old Hunter Island Bridge, Pelham Bay Park - daylight hours, all year
- Sea wall at parking field adjacent to Huntington Mansion, Pelham Bay Park - daylight hours, all year
- Orchard Beach side of lagoon, Pelham Bay Park - October to May, daylight hours
- Ferry Point Park - daylight hours, all year

BROOKLYN

- Canarsie Pier - daylight hours, all year
- Shore Parkway, waterfront promenade between Ft. Hamilton & Bay 8 Street - daylight hours, all year
- Steeplechase Pier (abutment) - daylight hours, all year
- Steeplechase Pier (both sides of Pier, north of building) - October to May, daylight hours
- *Coney Island Beach - October to May, daylight hours
- *Coney Island, Bay 14, east of Steeplechase Pier - dawn to 8 A.M.
- Neptune Ave. & West 23 St. (area on waterfront promenade) - daylight hours, all year
- Plum Beach, east of picnic area - daylight hours, all year

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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FOR RELEASE Tuesday,
August 3, 1943

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The fourth concert sponsored by the Associated Committee of the League of Composers in cooperation with the Department of Parks will be presented on Tuesday, August 3, at 8:30 P.M. The orchestra of the National Orchestral Association with Leon Barzin conducting will present the concert.

The concert will start at 8:30 P.M. Preceding it from 6-7:30 P.M. there will be a rehearsal open to the public, of two "Symphoniettas". The public will have an opportunity to observe a real symphonic rehearsal, hear the conductor's remarks and see just how the coordination of a performance is finally achieved.

The orchestra is the youngest ever assembled by the National Orchestral Association, its players ranging from 13 years up, the average age being 18 years. Almost half of the 120 members are women.

The program will consist of a Beethoven Overture, a Mozart Symphony and an Overture by Arne; the two symphoniettas and compositions by Paul Creston and Morton Gould.

The program will be repeated on Wednesday night, August 4, at 8:30 P.M. at the Music Grove, Prospect Park, Brooklyn.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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FOR RELEASE Friday,
July 30, 1943

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The Department of Parks announces the third of a series of four Naumburg Memorial concerts will be given on the Mall, Central Park, on July 31, at 8:15 P.M. The last one is scheduled for Labor Day at the same location.

This concert series is contributed by Mr. Walter Naumburg and Mr. George W. Naumburg, in memory of their father Elkan Naumburg, who donated the bandstand on the Mall.

This concert will be given by the Naumburg orchestra with Emerson Buckley as conductor, and Devora Nadworney as contralto soloist. The program will include well-known selections by Beethoven, Moussorgsky, Rossini, Saint-Saens and Prokofieff.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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FOR RELEASE Friday,
July 30, 1943

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The Department of Parks announces that the city-wide finals in the Municipal Tennis Championships of the Park Association of New York City Fourth Annual Sports Tournament will start on Saturday, July 31, at Central Park, 93rd Street and West Drive, at 2:00 P.M.

Tournaments are listed according to the following schedule:

- Boys' Singles - Saturday, July 31 at 2 P.M.
- Women's Singles - Saturday, July 31 at 3:30 P.M.
- Men's Singles - Sunday, August 1 at 11 A.M.
- Men's Doubles - Sunday, August 8 at 11 A.M.
- Women's Doubles - Sunday, August 8 at 11 A.M.

This tournament is the culmination of a series of tournaments held on all Park Department tennis courts beginning in the month of June. The quarter finalists of the local tournaments then played on selected courts in each borough for the borough championship. The city-wide finalists are those players who reached the quarter finals in the borough competitions.

Play will continue on Sunday and the following week-ends with the semi-finals in the boys' singles and women's singles scheduled to take place Saturday, August 7, while the semi-finals in the men's singles and men's doubles will be held Sunday, August 15. Arrangements have been made to hold the boys' and women's singles on August 14 and men's singles and doubles finals on August 15.

The men's singles will have Teddy Schein, winner of this year and last year's borough of Manhattan title, seeded as number 1. Seeded second is Phil Rubel of Brooklyn, who was 1942-43 Brooklyn Borough Champion. Third and fourth seedings go respectively to Arnold Kent of Manhattan and David Katz of the Bronx.

In the women's ranks, top seeding went to Natasha Irwin, a perennial winner of the Bronx championship for 8 years and the city champion of last year. Second seeding is given to Ingrid Lakatos of Manhattan who is a steady and seasoned player on the park courts, and will make trouble for any player above her in the women's singles. Third and fourth seedings were granted to Carolyn Liguri of Brooklyn and Nina Irwin, daughter of Natasha Irwin, who will pair for the women's doubles.

The seeding in the junior boys' division is made up of a number of up and coming public park stars. Ed. Wilowski of Queens, a seeded player of last year, gets first billing, followed in order by Conrad Rothberg of Manhattan, Thomas Marsh of the Bronx and Ernest Stelbackey of Manhattan.

The men's doubles is made up of many of those who are also performing in the singles tournament. Seeded number 1 are Teddy Schein and Ralph Axelrod, a doubles winner in several former tournaments, and a leading contestant in the singles. The number two position was granted to Randy Rothstein and Bernard Levy of Manhattan. They were the runner-up in last year's championships, having lost the final match in a photo-finish by 7-5, 7-5, 6-2. Arnold Lynn and Ed. Wilowski of Queens take third place closely followed by Bernard Weinberg and Louis Bradley of the Bronx.

The women's doubles will start Sunday, August 8.

Valuable prizes, donated by the Park Association of New York City, will be awarded the winner in each classification.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
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Del. 4 P.M.
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FOR RELEASE Sunday,
July 25, 1943

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The third concert of the new Music in Wartime series will be presented by the Department of Parks and the Associate Committee of the League of Composers on Central Park Mall, on Tuesday, July 27, at 8:30 P.M. The Columbia University Symphonic Band, conducted by Harwood Simons will share the program with the famed Hall Johnson Choir. The series aims to provide music in wartime by New Yorkers of different races, creeds and national backgrounds, as a symbol of Democracy in Art.

The band is the regular University Band but this year, due to the naval training at Columbia, about one third of the band is composed of navy men. The Columbia Band is the only college group ever to have appeared at Carnegie Hall. Many of its former members are now in service bands of the Army, Navy and Air Corps. Harwood Simons, their conductor, is a member of the faculty of Columbia University.

The program will include the following contemporary American Compositions: a suite "Negro Dancers" by Florence Price who is one of the few Negro women composers; "Quaint Minuet" by Henry Cowell; "Marche Carillon" by Howard Hanson.

The Hall Johnson Choir, since its inception in 1925, has sung all over America in concert, over the air, and in the motion pictures. Perhaps its best known appearance was in "Green Pastures" which ran for six years. Hall Johnson, its originator and conductor, is well known as a composer, writer and musical director. A group of songs from the production "Run Little Chillun" will be included on Tuesday's program.

On Wednesday, July 28, at the Music Grove in Prospect Park at 8:30 P.M., the series will present a program by the Schubert Musical Society, a Negro chorus, a selections by the young and talented violinist, Frances Magnes. The director of the Schubert Musical Society is Edward Margetson, whose awards include those from the American Academy of Arts and Letters, and a fellowship in 1942 from the Julius Rosenwald^{Foundation}. Frances Magnes has appeared as soloist with the Cleveland Symphony, the Naumburg Orchestra and the Petrides Orchestrette. She will feature in her program the "Hexapoda and Five Studies in Jitteroptera" by Robert Russell Bennett. She will be accompanied by Leonid Hambro, a Naval Musician First Class who is stationed at the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

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Attached press release was telephoned
to the following,

Associated Press - covers all Manhattan papers

Standard News - covers L.I. Daily Press &
S. I. Advance

United Press - covers Bronx Home News
Brooklyn Citizen

Brooklyn Daily Eagle

P.M.

4 P.M., 7/21/43

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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FOR RELEASE Wednesday,
July 21, 1943

The Department of Parks announces that
a baby fallow deer was born at the Prospect Park
Zoo on July 18.

The father was Spike and the mother Linda.
The weight of the baby at birth was 15 lbs.

Photographs may be taken at any time.

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Mr. Heaslip
FOR RELEASE Monday,
July 19, 1943

The second concert of the new Music in Wartime series will be presented by the Department of Parks and the Associate Committee of the League of Composers on Central Park Mall on Tuesday, July 20, at 8:30 P.M. The Factory Orchestra of the Sperry Gyroscope Co., conducted by Maurel Hunkins, will share the program with the young and gifted contralto, Carol Brice.

The orchestra of the Sperry Co. is composed entirely of personnel in the offices and factory of the company. It was organized in 1941 as an employee activity, and numbers among its players many former professional musicians, who are now engaged in war work. Representative are Giuseppe Gimino who played the French horn at the Metropolitan Opera, Joseph Pellizari, clarinetist at the La Scala in Milan and Davis McCrea, saxophonist in Fats Waller's Orchestra.

Carol Brice will offer two groups of songs, one of Negro spirituals, the other of works by contemporary Negro composers.

On Wednesday, July 21, at 8:30 P.M. the second concert of the Brooklyn series will present the American People's Chorus at the Music Grove, Prospect Park. This group under the direction of Horace Grenell, will present a whole evening of choral works, mainly American, and will include the famous "Ballad for Americans" by Earle Robinson.

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FOR RELEASE Sunday,
July 18, 1943

The Department of Parks announces the schedule of 6 more Name Band Orchestras which will play in various large parks and playgrounds of the city during the period of July 19-26, as part of the second Consolidated Edison Company Summer Concert and Dance Program in cooperation with the Department of Parks. All dances will start at 8:30 P.M. and continue until 10:30 P.M.

Such popular orchestras as Will Osborn, Joe Venuti and Mal Hallett are included in this period. Following is the schedule of appearances:

- July 19 - Mal Hallett at Grover Cleveland Playground, Stanhope Street & Grandview Avenue, Queens
- July 20 - Mal Hallett at Victory Field, Woodhaven Boulevard & Myrtle Avenue, Queens
- July 21 - Mal Hallett at Van Cortlandt Park, 241 Street & Broadway, Bronx
- July 22 - Mal Hallett at the Mall, Central Park, Manhattan
- July 23 - Joe Venuti at Prospect Park, Brooklyn
- July 26 - Will Osborn at Colonial Play Center, Bradhurst Avenue and West 153 Street, Manhattan

The schedule of other Name Bands in this series will be announced as soon as the necessary arrangements have been completed.

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Attached Press release was telephoned in from Babylon
by Mr. Blakelock, 7/17/43 at 11:05 A.M.

Mr. Heaslip telephoned the following newspapers

✓ Associated Press - covers all Manhattan papers

Standard News - covers L.I. Daily Press &
Staten Island Advance

United Press - covers Bronx Home News
Brooklyn Citizen

Brooklyn Daily Eagle

P.M.

The release was delivered to all newspapers and
left this office(Mr. Heaslip's) at 11:55 A.M.

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FOR RELEASE IMMEDIATELY

Telegram to

Hon. Sylvan L. Joseph
Regional Administrator
Office of Price Administration
350 Fifth Avenue
New York City

July 17, 1943

"Recent orders of the OPA lifting restrictions against vacation travel have caused still further confusion and we are deluged with requests from those who cannot leave town for vacations but wish to take a day off now and then at the beaches and parks and who ask why they cannot use vacation gas for this purpose. We are unable to offer any reasonable explanation. This is not a case of furnishing additional A or other books increasing the allowance of gasoline but of fair treatment to all people whether they can go to country places and hotels for needed recreation or can only get away a short distance from their homes for a day. The fact that travel by car to beaches and parks maybe difficult to regulate is not an answer because the OPA has already ventured into all kinds of unnecessary, expensive and ineffective regulation. There remains at most only two months of summer and this is not a matter which can wait for further debate. May I as head of the city and state park systems of New York request a prompt and if possible favorable decision. The arguments for recreation especially in urban communities need no further emphasis."

Signed ROBERT MOSES

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City Exhibition
Tennis
Golf
Sports
Exhibitions*

FOR RELEASE Friday,
July 16, 1943

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The Department of Parks announces a series of games in golf and tennis of the Park Association of New York City Fourth Annual Tournament beginning Saturday, July 17. The schedule is as follows:

BOROUGH FINALS-TENNIS: WOMEN'S SINGLES

Saturday, July 17 - Manhattan, Central Park, 93 Street & West Drive
11 A.M.

Brooklyn, Ft. Greene Park, DeKalb Ave. & S. Eliot Street
Queens, Kissena Park, Rose St. & Kissena Blvd., Flushing
Bronx, St. James Park, 193 Street & Jerome Avenue
Richmond, Silver Lake Park, Hart Boulevard

BOROUGH FINALS-TENNIS: MEN'S DOUBLES

Sunday, July 18 - Manhattan, Central Park, 93 Street & West Drive
11 A.M.

Brooklyn, McKinley Park, 75 Street & 7 Avenue
Queens, Forest Park, Park Lane South & 89 Street
Bronx, Mullaly Park, 161 Street & Jerome Avenue
Richmond, Walker Park, Bard Avenue & Delafield Place

CITY-WIDE GOLF TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP: MEN'S DIVISION

Sunday, July 18 - Forest Park Golf Course, Park Lane South and Forest
9 A.M.

Parkway in Forest Park

LOCAL COURSE GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP: JUNIOR BOYS

Monday, July 19 - At all park golf courses.

Despite the fact that a great many of our male tennis players are in the Armed Forces, all signs point to an increase over the 700 entries of last year.

The most colorful of these events will be the team championship in golf. Well known players and figures familiar on park golf courses will participate. Among these are the Strafacci brothers of Brooklyn, Tom Walsh and Lew Pucker of Queens and Joseph Reilly of Richmond. Last year's team championship was taken by the 4 low gross scorers from Dyker Beach who completed the course with a score of 603. The winners were Tom Strafacci, Ralph Strafacci, Dominick Strafacci and Jack Lynch.

Awards and trophies for these events are donated by the Park Association of New York City, Inc.

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The Department of Parks announces that the swimming meet in the Park Association of New York City Fourth Annual Tournament, will get under way with trial heats in the novice events beginning July 14 and continuing according to the following schedule:

July 14 - Wednesday - Faber Pool, Richmond
July 14 - Wednesday - Tompkinsville Pool, Richmond
July 21 - Wednesday - Carmine Street Pool, Manhattan
July 21 - Wednesday - Thos. Jefferson Pool, Manhattan
July 21 - Wednesday - 23 Street Pool, Manhattan
July 28 - Wednesday - Astoria Pool, Queens
July 28 - Wednesday - Flushing Meadow Amphitheatre
July 28 - Wednesday - Crotona Pool, Bronx
July 23 - Wednesday - McCarren Pool, Brooklyn
July 28 - Wednesday - Sunset Pool, Brooklyn
Aug. 4 - Wednesday - Red Hook Pool, Brooklyn
Aug. 4 - Wednesday - Betsy Head Pool, Brooklyn
Aug. 11 - Wednesday - Hamilton Fish Pool, Manhattan
Aug. 11 - Wednesday - Colonial Pool, Manhattan
Aug. 11 - Wednesday - Highbridge Pool, Manhattan
Aug. 11 - Wednesday - John Jay Pool, Manhattan

There will be 13 events in the novice class, ranging from the 25 meter free style for boys and girls, 10 years and under, to the 100 meter free style for boys 17 years and under. There will be back and breast strokes at various distances and diving for both boys and girls. Entry blanks may be obtained at any park pool or borough office.

Last year over 1,000 boy and girl novice swimmers took part in the events set apart for them and it is expected that the entry list this year will be even greater because of the tremendous interest being shown in this sport.

Entry blanks are also available for A.A.U. events for both men and women, most spectacular of which will be the pentathlon events. This pentathlon event for men and women was included in the Sports Tournament schedule three years ago as an open event sponsored by the Park Department. It was quite unknown in this country but took hold immediately and aroused keen competition and interest among swimmers. Because of this interest the A.A.U. sanctioned the event in 1941 as a Metropolitan event and in 1942 included it in the New York State Championships. Because it always brings together the best in swimmers it is felt that it will soon be accepted as a

National event. Last year pentathlon honors went to Mike Priano of the Flatbush Boys Club while Helene Rains of the Women's Swimming Association carried off the women's championship and trophy.

Also scheduled are Municipal events for male members of the city departments and swimming events for men of the armed forces. Closing date for entries in these three groups is August 9.

Trial heats for the Municipal departments will take place Friday, August 13, 6:30 P.M. at Crotona Pool, The Bronx, and for the A.A.U., Monday, August 16, 6:30 P.M. at Astoria Pool, Queens. City-wide finals for both these events are scheduled for Astoria Pool, on the evenings of Tuesday and Wednesday, August 17 and 18, at 6:30 P.M. The Municipal department events always bring together many old timers who years ago were outstanding champions and have kept themselves in tip top shape. Last year one of the outstanding competitors was George Fissler now with the Department of Public Works and former Olympic record holder and at one time holder of every National free style record.

Trial heats for the military events will be held at Sunset Pool, Brooklyn, Monday, August 23, at 6:30 P.M. City-wide finals in the military and novice events are scheduled for McCarren Pool, Brooklyn, on Tuesday and Wednesday, August 24 and 25, at 6:30 P.M.

Medals and awards, donated by the Park Association of New York City, will be awarded to 1st, 2nd, 3rd in the championship meet.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

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For Release Saturday
July 10, 1943

The Department of Parks announces that local course championships for men and women golfers in the Park Association of New York City Fourth Annual Sports Tournament will take place on Sunday, July 11, at the ten park golf courses.

Score cards have been accepted at all golf courses since June 5. Each golf course selected the thirty-two low gross scorers, who will compete for their local course championship of medal play. The eight low gross scorers in the local championships will represent the course as a team in the city-wide team championship at Forest Park on July 18. Matches will consist of thirty-six holes of medal play with the four low gross players representing a course, being the city-wide team champions.

On Monday, July 19, participants in the Junior Boys' division will compete for the various course titles in their own division.

On the week ends of July 25 and August 1, the thirty-two low gross scorers will meet in 18 holes of match play at Clearview for the Municipal Golf Crown and the Newbold Morris Trophy. The semi-final and final rounds will be 36 holes of match play.

Dyker Beach Golf Course in Brooklyn will be host to all of the tournament winners and runners-up on the ten courses in both the Junior Boys and Women's division, on Sunday, August 8.

Winners of the Women's and Junior Boys' Division will be presented with trophies donated by the Park Association of New York City.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

Friday
For Release July 9, 1943

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The Department of Parks announces that the borough championships of the men's singles in tennis in the Park Association of New York City Fourth Annual Tournament will begin on Saturday, July 10, at 2 P. M., according to the following schedule:

Manhattan - Central Park, 93 Street and West Drive
Brooklyn - McKinley Park, 75 Street and 7 Avenue
Queens - Forest Park, Park Lane South and 89 Street
Bronx - Mullaly Park, 161 Street and Jerome Avenue
Richmond - Walker Park, Bard Avenue and Delafield Place

Several hundred have participated in the local tournaments, which began on June 19 on all park tennis courts. The contenders for the borough titles are comprised of eight quarter finalists from each local tournament. The winners of these events will enter the city-wide finals, which will be conducted at a later date.

Valuable prizes, donated by the Park Association of New York City, will be awarded the winner in each borough contest.

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DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
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FOR RELEASE Tuesday
July 6, 1943.

The Department of Parks announces the Ninth Annual American Ballad Contest for Barber Shop Quartets will take place on the Mall, Central Park, 71 Street and Center Drive on Tuesday, July 6, at 8:30 P.M.

As a special feature attraction of this year's program, there will be a separate division for Service Men's Quartets representing the U. S. Marines, Coast Guard, U. S. Navy, Infantry and U.S. Air Corps.

Another highlight of the evening's entertainment will be the famous radio quartet, "The Southernaires", who will be on hand to entertain the thousands of lovers of harmony by singing some of the popular southern melodies.

The judges are composed of experts in the field of song, and others who have qualified through past service. William C. Handy, composer of the famous old song "St. Louis Blues" and top tenor in a Barber Shop Quartet, which traveled throughout the country as part of a minstrel show back in 1897, has consented to be one of the judges. His associates at the judges' table will be Mayor LaGuardia, Governor Al Smith, Park Commissioner Robert Moses, Geoffrey O'Hara, song composer, James F. Evans, Director of State Parks, Paul Winslow of the Taconic State Park Commission, Frank W. Smith, retired President of the Consolidated Edison Company, Charles U. Powell, retired Engineer in Charge of Queens Topographical Bureau, J. Bailey Harvey, member of the University Glee Club, Luther S. Steward of the National Federation of Federal Employees, Richard G. Husch, and Douglas Paige.

During the past two weeks, the preliminaries were held in each of the five boroughs. After listening to a rendition of such popular American Ballads as: "Let Me Call you Sweetheart", "Take Me Out To the Ball Game", "Mandy Lee", "Yankee Doodle Dandy", "Dear Old Girl" and other songs made

famous by the harmonizers of the old tonsorial parlors in the early part of the present century, the judges of the respective borough contests decided that nine quartets qualified for the city-wide finals on July 6th beside the five quartets representing the armed forces. The selection was predicated on a comprehensive variety of factors including rhythm, intonation, tone quality, diction, precision, dynamics, voice blending, harmonic originality, phrasing, costume and stage presence.

The nine groups of civilian balladeers are composed of men drawn from every walk of life embracing commercial, industrial, social and civic organizations.

The "St. Mary's Horseshoers" Quartet, which won the championship in one of the previous contests, will be there to retrieve the crown of harmony. In addition, we will have such quartets as "The Desmond Brothers Quartet", "Police Department Quartet", "The Ridgewood Clippers" and "New York University Varsity Quartet".

Each quartet will be permitted to sing two numbers, both of which shall not exceed eight minutes duration.

Appropriate prizes will be awarded to each member of the quartets, in both the civilian and service men's division, which attain first, second and third places.

Music for the evening's entertainment will be furnished by the United States Coast Guard 24-piece orchestra, under the leadership of Tom MacLaury, with Dick Judge, the orchestra's vocalist, who was formerly associated with the famous name bands of Teddy Powell and Richard Himber.

The public address system will be supplied by the Municipal Broadcasting Station WNYC and a portion of the program will be broadcast from 8:30 to 9:15 over the same station.

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
Arsenal, Central Park
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FOR RELEASE July 6, 1943

The Department of Parks announces the remainder of the summer schedule of the open air puppet and marionette shows including "Little Red Riding Hood" and "Jack and the Beanstalk" will be given from July 6 to September 4 inclusive in various park playgrounds throughout the five boroughs, from an especially constructed trailer stage.

The first half of the schedule began on June 14 and a series of 32 shows were given before an audience of 12,000 children.

"Little Red Riding Hood" consists of three acts and lasts about 50 minutes, while "Jack and the Beanstalk" consists of three acts and lasts approximately 45 minutes.

The first showing will be made beginning Tuesday, July 6, at Walker Park, Bard & Davis Avenues, West Brighton, Staten Island, at 11 A.M. and at Westerleigh Park, Willard and Maine Avenues, Westerleigh, Staten Island at 3 P.M.

The shows will continue to be presented at the various boroughs according to the attached schedule:

Richmond - July 6 to 8, inclusive
Manhattan - July 9 to 24, inclusive
Brooklyn - July 26 to August 7, inclusive
Queens - August 9 to August 21, inclusive
Bronx - August 23 to September 4, inclusive

CITY OF NEW YORK
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS

SCHEDULE OF TRAILER MARIONETTE THEATRE

July - September 1943

"RED RIDING HOOD" and "JACK AND THE BEANSTALK" Presented at:

RICHMOND:

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| Tuesday | July 6 | Walker Park - Bard & Davis Aves., West Brighton | 11 A. M. |
| | | Westerleigh Park - Willard and Maine Aves., Westerleigh | 3 P. M. |
| Wednesday | July 7 | Lincoln Avenue Playground, Midland Beach Schmul Playground, Wilde Ave., Travis | 11 A. M. 3 P. M. |
| Thursday | July 8 | Faber Playground - Richmond Terrace, Port Richmond | 11 A. M. |
| | | Willowbrook Park - Richmond & Rockland Ave., Victory Blvd., Bulls Head | 3 P. M. |

MANHATTAN:

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| Friday | July 9 | J. Hood Wright Plgd.- 175 St. & Ft. Washington Avenue | 11 A.M. & 3 P.M. |
| Saturday | July 10 | Colonial Park, Bradhurst Avenue & 150 St. | 11 A.M. & 3 P.M. |
| Monday | July 12 | Riverside Drive and 148 Street | 11 A.M. & 3 P.M. |
| Tuesday | July 13 | Riverside Drive and 103 Street | 11 A.M. & 3 P.M. |
| Wednesday | July 14 | Riverside Drive and 74 Street | 11 A. M. & 3 P.M. |
| Thursday | July 15 | Heckscher Playground, 66 Street, Central Park | 11 A.M. & 3 P.M. |
| Friday | July 16 | Kelly Playground - 17 St. & 8 Ave. | 11 A.M. & 3 P.M. |
| Monday | July 19 | Mt. Morris East Plgd. - 123 St. & Madison Ave. | 11 A.M. & 3 P.M. |
| Tuesday | July 20 | Thomas Jefferson Park - 112 St. & East River Drive | 11 A.M. & 3 P.M. |
| Wednesday | July 21 | Hamilton Fish Park, Pitt, Houston & Stanton Sts. | 11 A.M. & 3 P.M. |
| Thursday | July 22 | Roosevelt Park - Chrystie & Forsythe Sts. | 11 A.M. & 3 P.M. |
| Friday | July 23 | Columbus Park - Baxter & Worth Sts. | 11 A.M. & 3 P.M. |
| Saturday | July 24 | Chelsea Park - 28 St. & 8 Ave. | 11 A.M. & 3 P.M. |

BROOKLYN:

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| Monday | July 26 | Fort Hamilton Parkway & 52 St. Plgd. | 11 A.M. & 3 P.M. |
| Tuesday | July 27 | Lindsay Playground - Lorimer St. & Johnson Avenue | 11 A. M. & 3 P.M. |
| Wednesday | July 28 | Bushwick Plgd. - Putnam, Irving & Knickerbocker Aves. | 11 A.M. & 3 P.M. |
| Thursday | July 29 | 34 St. & 3 Ave. Playground | 11 A.M. & 3 P.M. |
| Friday | July 30 | Atlantic Avenue and Linwood Plgd. | 11 A.M. & 3 P.M. |
| Monday | August 2 | Lincoln Terrace Playground, Buffalo and E. New York Avenues | 11 A.M. & 3 P.M. |
| Tuesday | August 3 | Red Hook Stadium, Columbia & Bay Sts. | 11 A.M. & 3 P.M. |
| Wednesday | August 4 | Gravesend Plgd., 56 St. & 18 Ave. | 11 A.M. & 3 P.M. |
| Thursday | August 5 | Neptune Avenue & W. 28 St. Plgd. | 11 A.M. & 3 P.M. |

Friday August 6 Seth Low and Avenue P Playground 11 A.M. & 3 P.M.
Saturday August 7 Howard, Pacific & Dean Sts. Plgd. 11 A.M. & 3 P.M.

QUEENS:

Monday August 9 Astoria Park - Ditmars Blvd., 19 St., 11 A.M. & 3 P.M.
25 Ave. & E. River
Tuesday August 10 Cunningham Park - Horace Harding Blvd. 11 A.M. & 3 P.M.
& G. C. Parkway
Wednesday August 11 Forest Park Music Grove, Myrtle Ave. 11 A.M. & 3 P. M.
Thursday August 12 Grover Cleveland Park - Grandview Ave. 11 A.M. & 3 P.M.
and Stanhope St.
Friday August 13 O'Connor Plgd. - 32 Ave. & 210 St. 11 A.M. & 3 P.M.
Monday August 16 Liberty Park - Liberty Ave. & 172 St. 11 A.M. & 3 P.M.
Tuesday August 17 Van Wyck Plgd. 11 Ave. & 134-5 Sts. 11 A.M. & 3 P.M.
Wednesday August 18 Queensbridge - Vernon Blvd. & Bridge 11 A.M. & 3 P.M.
Plaza North, L.I.C.
Thursday August 19 Juniper Valley Park - Dry Harbor Road 11 A. M. & 3 P.M.
& 63 Ave., Elmhurst
Friday August 20 Springfield Pond Park - Springfield Blvd.
and Sheffield Ave. 11 A. M. & 3 P. M.
Saturday August 21 Alley Pond Park - G. C. Parkway & 3 P.M.
Winchester Blvd.

BRONX:

Monday August 23 Mullaly Plgd. - Jerome Ave. & E. 165 St. 11 A.M. & 3 P.M.
Tuesday August 24 Claremont Park No. - Teller & Mt. Eden 11 A.M. & 3 P.M.
Ave.
Wednesday August 25 Poe Park - Grand Concourse & 192 St. 11 A.M. & 3P.M.
Thursday August 26 Van Cortlandt Park, 241 Street & Broadway 11 A.M. & 3P.M.
Friday August 27 Bronx River Parkway and 203 St. Plgd. 11 A.M. & 3 P.M.
Monday August 30 St. Mary's Playground E., Trinity Ave. 11 A.M. & 3 P.M.
and E. 146 St.
Tuesday August 31 Watson, Gleason and Noble Aves. Plgd. 11 A.M. & 3 P.M.
Wednesday Sept. 1 Waterbury, Edison and La Salle Aves. 11 A.M. & 3 P.M.
Playground
Thursday Sept. 2 Bronx Blvd. & Rosewood St. Playground 11 A.M. & 3 P.M.
Friday Sept. 3 Crotona Park Playground #9, Crotona 11 A.M. & 3 P.M.
Park & Clinton Ave.
Saturday Sept. 4 Pulaski Playground, East 133 Street 11 A.M. & 3 P.M.
and Willis Avenue

DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
ARSENAL, CENTRAL PARK
TEL. REGENT 4-1000

For Release July 3, 1943

The Department of Parks announces the second of a series of four Naumburg Memorial concerts will be given on the Mall, Central Park, on Independence Day, July 4, at 8:15 P.M. The two remaining concerts will be given on July 31 and Labor Day.

This concert series is contributed by Mr. Walther Naumburg and Mr. George W. Naumburg, in memory of their father Elkan Naumburg, who donated the bandstand on the Mall.

This concert will be given by the Naumburg orchestra, with Richard Horner Bales as conductor, and Roman Totenberg as the violin Soloist. The program will include various well-known selections by Strauss, Tschalkowsky, Rossini, Bach-Wilhelmj and Saint-Saens.

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MEMORANDUM
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS
CITY OF NEW YORK

TO: John W. Heaslip, Jr. July 1, 1943

FROM: Dr. H. Nimphius

SUBJECT

Three gorillas from Belgian Congo, Africa, arrived at Mr. Henry Treflich's, 215 Fulton Street, New York City, in April, 1943, captured and shipped by Mr. Peter Carroll, agent: one female, age 3 years, weight 52 lbs, one female, age 4 years, weight 63 lbs., one male, 6 years, weight 73 lbs.

These animals are not related to each other. These are the first gorillas ever owned and housed by the Department of Parks of New York City. [Previous to this, Martin Johnson temporarily housed two guerillas at Central Park Zoo in 1930]

photographs may be taken

Dr. H. Nimphius

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Phoned A.P. 11 A.M. 7/1/43

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4 Carolyne
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Carroll